WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF **Incident Report** L-WI-1963-06-12-0000255 Hy 41 N/b & Hy 45 S/b OSHKOSH, WI 54901 Subject **HOMICIDE** Location Incident Type Reported By Braman, Christopher M Loc Name **ENCO STATION** Report Type Call Source Assisted By Disposition Closed Entered On 11/19/2019 12:46:15 PM **Entered By** Elias, Lindsay K Occurred On 6/12/1963 9:08:00 PM Reported On 6/12/1963 9:08:00 PM Occurred Bet **OFFENSES** Offense 940.01(1)(a) 1st-Degree Intentional Homicide Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter **Domestic** IBR Group Hate None (No Bias) IBR Against Person Weapons Knife/Cutting Instrument (Icepick, Ax, Etc.) **UCR Hiera** Tools Activities Location Service/Gas Station Securities Completed Using Not Applicable **IBR Code** 09A **OFFENSES** Offense 943.32(2) Armed Robbery Robbery Domestic IBR Group Hate None (No Bias) IBR Against Property Weapons Knife/Cutting Instrument (Icepick, Ax, Etc.) **UCR Hiera** 03 Activities Tools Location Service/Gas Station Securities Completed Using Not Applicable **IBR Code SUSPECT** DOXTATOR, WILLIAM A VICTIM PRATT, WAYNE C **OTHER** Type Spouse PRATT, MARIE ANN **OTHER** Type Contact SENNHOLZ, DAVID L **OTHER Type Sibling** PRATT, DONNA J

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Summary

**Narrative** 

**HOMICIDE** 

Transcribed from original report verbatim by officers: Sgt. Peppler & Lt. Guenther

#### 06/12/63 2108 HOURS SGT. PEPPLER #33

Received a call from the Oshkosh PD stating that they had received a call from a woman that was crying and hysterical. She said her husband was lying on the porch in a pool of blood. She gave the place as the Enco Station on 41 north of 45. Should send the ambulance. (Taken by McGinnis)

Officers Findings(Peppler): When I arrived I found Mrs. Wayne Pratt running out of the station stating that she thought her husband had been shot, she stated that he was lying in the back room of the station. I went into the back room of the station and found Wayne Pratt lying face down approximately in the center of the room lying partially on a blanket, there was a considerable amount of blood on the floor and his clothes was saturated. I pulled his shirt up and saw numerous stab wounds about his back and believed the party to be dead. As the ambulance was on its way I stood by. I advised this office to call Lt. Guenther advising him that it was probably a robbery and murder. I was advised by radio that Lt. Guenther wanted nothing moved including the body. About this time Chief Lowry arrived and the coroner was contacted and he came to the scene. Lt. Guenther took phtoographs and body was then taken to Westgor Funeral Home where a post was going to be preformed.

The following statement was given by Mrs. Pratt, she stated that at about 9:00 PM she looked out of the window of the house which is located about 75 ft. west of the station and saw two cars at the pumps, a white car and a 56 Buick (may be older) white over blue, she stated that the white car left, but the Buick stayed at the pumps (facing west) there was no one in the car, she did not see the Buick leave. She stated that her husband usually turns the lights on at about 9:00 PM and then comes over to the house and watches T.V. and waits on the customers as they come in, as the lights did not go on or her husband come to the house. At about 9:10 PM she went over to the station to check and found her husband lying in the back room covered up with a blanket. She stated that the only thing she touched was the blanket (uncovering him) and the cash

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register. Stated they had a pretty good day and she wanted to check and see if the money was gone which it was. The investigation was turned over to Lt. Guenther. M. Peppler #33

### 06/12/63 Lt. R. Guenther

When I arrived at the station I was directed to the body of Wayne Pratt which was laying face downward in about the center of the back room. His left arm was turned downward with the hand under the body. The right arm was turned upward, with the hand under a shop quilt which was partially under the head & laying on the floor. The cloths were not disarrainged with the exception of the shirt which was outside of the trousers. The back of the shirt was covered with blood & there were blood stains on the floor in a fairly large area which led to the body but were uphill from the drain. Photographs were then taken by Lt. Guenther of the entire station. This was done before the body was moved. The only movement at the scene prior to the taking of pictures was that done by his wife, when she removed the shop quilt from the body & touched the bruis on the head, lifted the shirt & saw the wounds & then she called the Sheriff's Dept. After the photographs were taken, the body was removed & taken to the Westgore funeral home Neenah. The scene was then searched & a snow shovel with bloody prints on the handle was found laying on a case in the northwest corner of the room, which was the opposite end of the room where it should have been.

The cash register was open and the money was gone except \$2.55 in nickles, dimes & pennies which was still in the register drawer. Laying on the counter next to the register was a pair of coveralls which was usually worn by the attendant. Although there was a small amount of blood on the coveralls, it did not appear that they were worn during the attack as there were no knife cuts in the back of the coveralls. There was also a small quantity of blood on the cabinet door under the cash register. Nothing else in the front room appeared to have been ransacked except a desk drawer that was closed. In the lower locked compartment of a cigarette machine there was \$57.54 found in one cigar box, & \$118.47 found in another. This money was brought to the Sheriff's Office. On the gas pumps outside the station, were found two sales which did not appear on the cash register tape. These sales appeared on the pumps closest to the station & were both for 3 gallons of gasoline. The regular pump price was \$1.00 & the high test pump price was \$1.10. The sales on the other 2 pumps were \$3.70, & \$2.00, but these did appear on the tape. The last sale on the cash register was 2 cents, & it is quite likely that was pressed when the register was opened to steal the money. The charge slips were checked, & the credit card sales were checked & all appeared on the tape. These were brought to the Sheriff's Office also.

I then went to the Westgore Funeral Home & photographed the nude body of Wayne Pratt. There were some 53 stab wounds concentrated on the left back area from the thigh, to the head, some being in the neck. There were marks on the left arm & hand 5 in number which appeared to have been made by a thin dull bladed object, also there were marks on the head which could have been made by the same object, possably the snow shovel that was found in the same room with the body. His wallet, keys & a pair of sungasses were found in his pockets, but no money. His cloths & the property which was found on him was turned over to me by the funeral director & was taken to the Sheriff's Office.

A autopsey was later preformed The cause of death was the many stab wounds that Wayne Pratt had received. Although most of the wounds were shallow, 12 of them were deep wounds that punctured various organs. discribed the instrument that made the wounds as being a thing bladed sharp object at least 4 inches in length, & probably a inch in width, but this is based upon the length of the wounds & since it was a sharp object, it could have been narrower in width. He felt because of the depth, & objects that it had to go through, that it was either a

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straight handled knife, or a knife with a locking blade rather than a folding knife. The Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory from Madison was called & they sent a team of technitions 6/13/63 who searched the death scene for fingerprints & other physical evidence. The knife was not found in the station. Also the sourrounding area was searched 6/13/63 by Sheriff's Officers on Sgt. Hardtke's shift. Sgt. Hardtke in charge & the knife was not found. Several items were turned over to the crime lab including the shovel, Pratts clothing, some tissue samples from the body, fingernail scrapings from the body, etc. Also the fingerprints of Wayne Pratt were taken at the funeral home by the crime lab. Prints were found by the technitions & all known persons in the station after the police were called were printed, & their prints sent to the crime lab. Lt. R. Guenther

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**Narrative Report** 

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SUP001 - ZEMLOCK - 11/13/23 11/15/2023 10:34:06 AM Zemlock, Renee

**HOMICIDE** 

#### 11/13/2023 EVIDENCE ADMINISTRATOR R. ZEMLOCK W200

On 11-13-23, myself, Lt. Braman, and Det. Schroeder, packaged the blanket (item #4) for tracked UPS shipping to Sorenson Forensics in Utah. The UPS tracking label is attached to the case file. We also packaged some DNA extracts (item #17) along with DNA extracts from another case because they need to remain cold/frozen, they were packaged with a small amount of dry ice inside a Styrofoam box. The blanket was delivered to Sorenson Forensics on 11-14-23, but the package with the DNA extracts was returned to the Sheriff's Office. I had not written the specific weight of the dry ice on the outside of the package, which is apparently against UPS shipping policy. I placed the box with both sets of extracts into one of the evidence freezers over night.

On 11-15-23 I opened the box with the DNA extracts and placed a flexible icepack inside the Styrofoam box and resealed it and reshipped it via UPS. This second UPS tracking label is also attached to the case file. It will be overnighted to Sorenson Forensics.

Nothing further.

R. Zemlock W200

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SUP002 - BRAMAN - 11/15/23 5/28/2024 9:24:26 AM Braman, Christopher M

**HOMICIDE** 

11/15/2023 DET. LT. C. BRAMAN W301

In 2014-15, items from this case were sent to Sorenson Labs in Utah, for DNA processing. Sorenson provided us with a report in June of 2015, covered in earlier police narratives, indicating that multiple human DNA contributors had been identified. The issue, at the time, was that these DNA contributors were located in mixtures. DNA mixtures of two or three people had been located in multiple locations on a blanket that had been used to cover the victim. It is believed that the suspect(s) had also stabbed the victim through the blanket after covering him. In 2015, there was no way to separate the mixtures or to enter the DNA contributors into any DNA database. Other than knowing that there was DNA on the blanket, the information was unable to be advanced.

I continued to monitor the DNA science over the next few years and the Sheriff's Office sent in additional items for DNA testing in 2018, without success. In 2023, there had been multiple scientific labs discussing the deconvolution or separation of DNA as a new science. Advances had also been made in the development of degraded DNA. In 2023, I reached out to Sorenson Labs again, and asked if there were any new possible testing options for this case. In November of 2023 we sent items for testing, including the blanket.

In January of 2024, we received the results of the testing. The blanket had been broken down into four quadrants and labeled, Top Right, Top Left, Bottom Right, and Bottom Left. The results were as follows:

The Top Right corner (#16)-

A mixture of DNA profiles from three contributors, at least one of which genetically types as male, was obtained from this

item.

This mixture is inconclusive.

The Bottom Right corner (#17)-

A mixture of DNA profiles from a minimum of two contributors, at least one of which genetically types as male, was

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obtained from this item.
This mixture is inconclusive.
The Bottom Left corner (#18)-
A mixture of DNA profiles from three contributors, at least one of which genetically types as male, was obtained from this
item.
This mixture is inconclusive.
The Top Left corner (#19)-
A mixture of DNA profiles from two contributors, at least one of which genetically types as male, was obtained from this
item.
This mixture is inconclusive.
After receiving these results, I reached out to Cybergenetics out of Pennsylvania. They have had success with new science, helping Law Enforcement solve cases that had DNA mixtures. In April of 2024, I was able to share our Sorenson Labs results with Cybergenetics for evaluation. These results included a DNA standard from our victim, Wayne Pratt, his wife, Marie Pratt (elimination), and a potential suspect, David Sennholtz. On 04-19-2024, I received the initial results from Cybergenetics:
Here is an informal summary of the findings:
* The elimination's DNA is not present in the evidence.
* The suspect's DNA is not present in the evidence. (Sennholtz)
* The victim's DNA is present in the evidence.
* DNA from an unknown female is present in the evidence. (Item #17- Bottom Right corner)

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In speaking with the analyst from Cybergenetics, she indicated that none of the DNA would be able to be entered into CODIS. Further, all additional comparisons would need to be inclusionary or exclusionary. In other words, they could compare profiles already developed, to the mixtures identified by Sorenson. I began working on sending Cybergenetics other profiles connected to this case. I contacted the Outagamie County Sheriff's Office to gain permission to use Marvin Kilsdonk's DNA profile. I also reached out to the Wisconsin Crime Lab and asked for the already developed profile of William Doxtator. Both of these individuals were looked at as suspects in this case.

On 05-14-2024, I received an email from the Wisconsin State Crime Lab with William Doxtator's DNA profile. In 2018, myself and then Detective Sleeter, served a DNA warrant on William Doxtator,

I forwarded Doxtator's profile to Cybergenetics. On 05-15-2024, I received the following information from Cybergenetics:

Cybergenetics compared the new reference profile you sent with the previously inferred TrueAllele® evidence genotypes in your homicide case.

Here is an informal summary of the new findings:

\* The suspect's DNA is associated with the evidence. (Item #18- Bottom Left corner)

With this information, I arranged a phone call with Cybergenetics to discuss the results. During my call with an analyst, she indicated that the DNA located in the mixture was one part the victim, one part the suspect (Doxtator), and another individual. These are informal results and to get confirmed results, our agency had to request the confirmation report from Cybergenetics. I did this and was told the confirmation would take up to three weeks.

On 05-22-2024, I received Marvin Kilsdonk's DNA profile from the Wisconsin State Crime Lab and forwarded this to Cybergenetics. On 05-24-2024, I received the results from Kilsdonk's comparison:

Cybergenetics compared the new reference profile you sent with the previously inferred TrueAllele® evidence genotypes in your homicide case.

Here is an informal summary of the new findings:

\* The suspect's DNA is not present in the evidence.

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William Doxtator is one of the original suspects in this case.

More information to come.

Det. Lt. C. Braman W301

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SUP003 - ZEMLOCK - 01/31/24 6/4/2024 12:25:02 PM Zemlock, Renee

**HOMICIDE** 

01/31/2024 EVIDENCE ADMINISTRATOR R. ZEMLOCK W200

On 1-31-24 I received items 4 and 17 (multi-colored blanket and DNA extracts) back from Sorenson Forensics. The DNA extracts were checked back into evidence storage that same day so they would remain frozen. They are stored on Freezer Shelf 03. The multi colored blanket was checked back in the following morning on 2-1-24 and replaced onto evidence storage shelf 20E.

Nothing follows.

R. Zemlock W200

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SUMMARY REVIEW - BRAMAN - 05/28/24 6/7/2024 1:52:55 PM Braman, Christopher M **HOMICIDE** 05/28/2024 DET. LT. C. BRAMAN W301 Suspect- William Doxtator Charge- WI 940.01(1)a First Degree Intentional Homicide On 05-14-2024, I received informal results from Cybergenetics reference this case and specifically indicating that William Doxtator's DNA profile had been associated to evidence related to this homicide. had been considered a suspect in this case. Following this new information, I began reviewing and organizing information related to his involvement over the years in this investigation. William Doxtator was identified as a suspect in a report dated 06-19-1963, a week after Wayne Pratt was found murdered. This report appears to be information relayed to our agency from the Appleton/Little Chute Police. It indicates on 06-13-1963, Doxtator went into the police station and paid a \$25 fine with two ten's and a five. Doxtator had 'remarked to Officer Jensen at Little Chute that he knew Wayne Pratt and his wife and that he had played with their little boy.' Doxtator had given a current address and the fine he was paying off was the result of an arrest on June 1st of 1963. Notes from the Calumet Co. Sheriff's Dept. received on 06-19-1963, indicate on 06-12-1963 (the same night as the Pratt Homicide) that Barney's Superette was burglarized (near Sherwood) and a blue and white Olds was seen at the rear of the building. The last line reads, 'Doxtator is very capable of this - sent to Green Bay once for B & E.' Notes from 06-19-1963 indicate Doxtator had run out of gas around 6:30 am on 06-13-1963. He had stopped at a farmer's house for gas and had cash on him. On 06-19-63 an interview is conducted with Mike Kloeppel Management. Mike said that on 06-13-1963 at approximately 6:15 am, a male drove up to the barn where he was milking. The man was driving an

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Oldsmobile, blue with a white top, that he thought was a 1955 or 56. Mike's son told him that the male

was a William Doxtator. After giving Doxtator some gas, Doxtator gave Mike \$3 dollars for the gas. 'Mike says that when Doxtator gave him the 3 one dollar bills he must have had at least 8 more bills in his wallet, but he don't know what size bills were in the wallet.'

On 06-22-1963, WISO Officer Wilbur Fuller spoke with Albert E. M	artin
Albert indicated Doxtator had rented a room from him	up until June 12. Albert said
Doxtator moved out on the 12th between 11pm and midnight. All	pert also told Officer Fuller that
Doxtator's last week of rent had been paid by his mother by check	con June 8th. Albert Martin stated that
'he knew that Doxtator didn't have any money and had attempted	to borrow \$750.00 from any finance
co. in Oshkosh, to buy a boat, he couldn't get the money any when	re.' Martin had seen Doxtator on the
night of the 12th after 11pm (homicide occurred around 9pm) at t	the apartment
had asked Doxtator why he didn't move out at a more reasonable	hour and Doxtator had told him that
he had taken a couple of girls home	
Deutstan was interviewed on OC 34 1003 by Lieutenant Bishard C	wanthar of the Shariff's Office During
Doxtator was interviewed on 06-24-1963 by Lieutenant Richard G	dentitier of the Sheriff's Office. During

the interview, Doxtator indicated that he would go to the Pratt gas station to buy gas. He further stated that he had been there one night last week sometime after 4 pm, but he didn't remember which night. Doxtator said that then on Tuesday June 11th, the night before the murder, he had been moving out of his apartment. Doxtator told Lt. Guenther he was with Judy Coenen and Pat Wilber on the night of the murder and that they had gone swimming, and then to Judy's house. Doxtator thought he left around 10 pm and may have gone home after that. Doxtator confirmed that he was on parole for Theft at the time of the interview.

The reports are consistent that at around the time of the homicide, William Doxtator had a 1955 or 56 Oldsmobile that had a blue body and a white top. This was of interest to investigators at the time because Marie Pratt, Wayne's wife, from the night of the homicide through many interviews after, stated that the last vehicle she saw outside the gas station was a vehicle that looked like a 1956 Buick, with a blue body and white top. From internet research, it appears that the body styles of 1955-56 Buick and 1955-56 Olds, were very similar, with only small distinguishing characteristics.

Another witness, Robert Frank , said at about 8:40 pm on 06-12-1963, he was driving a semi for Wisconsin Distributing in the area of Highway 41 and Highway 45. Mr. Frank stated that, 'when he was about a rod from the filling station, about 16 feet, he saw a fellow get into about a 59 Ford 2 tone Arctic white top and blue bottom, with black wall tires. The man was described at 25-35, about 175-180, about 5'10" to 6'.' Mr. Frank says the car was parked in front of the station (as Marie had said). Robert Frank indicated the man ran out of the station and got into the car. The car which he later said was a Buick, passed him north on Highway 41 at a high rate of speed and would later get off the highway at Highway 114. Mr. Frank did not see any other cars at the station.

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There is no other information related to William Doxtator until 1968. On 12-03-1968, a Marilyn Hanson was interviewed by Sgt. Cowling of the Sheriff's Office. Marilyn Hanson indicated that her sisters are Karol Coenen and Mary Gillis. Judy Doxtator was William Doxtator's wife and was a sister-in-law of Karol Coenen. Marilyn Hanson said her sisters had been out with Judy Doxtator and Judy had told them that she was with 'Bill' on the night that Pratt was killed. Judy had told Mary and Karol that she feels Bill got caught robbing the place, got into a fight, and killed the guy. Judy added this was around the time when Doxtator was robbing all kind of places. Marilyn Hanson said her sister Mary would confirm what had been said but her sister Karol, who was married to William Doxtator's best friend Ronald Coenen, would not say anything.

On 12-04-1968, Mary Gillis was interviewed by Sgt. Cowling. Mary confirmed she had been out at a beer bar with Judy Doxtator and her sister Karol Coenen. Mary said Judy had told her, 'she felt Bill had something to do with the killing of a filling station man in Oshkosh.' Judy had said she was too afraid to tell anyone. Judy had said she felt Bill was caught robbing the place and killed the guy. Judy also told Mary, she was questioned by the police but had not told them anything. Mary Gillis felt Judy was sincere and would not say things like this if they were not true.

On 12-05-1968, Judy Doxtator was interviewed by Lt. Fuller and Sgt. Cowling. She recalled to them on the night of the killing she was with William Doxtator. Judy remembered Bill had been at her house until about 10 or 11pm. Judy could not remember if she had ridden home with Bill from Oshkosh that night or not. Judy was asked about stopping or being in the vicinity of the filling station around the time of the crime but she denied this. She said she had been home at the time of the crime. Judy was asked if she thought Bill was capable of killing the person and she didn't know for sure, she stated she didn't trust him.

There is no further information referencing William Doxtator in this case, that I could locate between 1968 until 2009. There are numerous other suspects from 1963 until the end of the 1960's. A lot of the time and information is related to Wayne Pratt's wife, Marie Pratt and her confirmed extra marital affair with David Sennholtz. There is also speculation about other potential affairs. There is no finality with any information related to William Doxtator in the old reports.

In 2009, a Thomas Ganzel had contacted the Sheriff's Office reference this case. Mr. Ganzel reported he overheard a conversation between his sister, Karol Hanold (who was Karol Coenen) and another person at a wedding. During this conversation, Karol Hanold (Coenen) had said that Judy Doxtator had told her William Doxtator had told her that he killed a guy at a gas station by Oshkosh. Mr. Ganzel did not have many details and indicated the Sheriff's Office should reach out to Karol for more information.

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On 03-11-2009, Karol Hanold (Coenen) was interviewed by Det. Makurat. Karol said she had no information that would help this case. She indicated Judy had never told her anything about William's involvement in the killing of Wayne Pratt. Karol said she occasionally sees William Doxtator and talks with him. Karol's information is inconsistent with Mary Gillis and her brother Thomas Ganzel's reporting's.

In 2013, Evidence Coordinator Skorlinski, Det. Quick, and I began reviewing evidence from this case for potential DNA submissions. To better understand how we submitted evidence, a summary of the theory on how the killing occurred is helpful. The early reports indicated they believe Wayne Pratt was attacked, most likely in the backroom of his small gas station. Pratt had what appeared to be defensive wounds on his arms and hands, and it is possible he had used a shovel to try and defend himself. The evidence suggests eventually the attacker had begun stabbing Pratt in the back and Pratt ended up on the ground, on his stomach. He was stabbed over 50 times. Pratt was also covered with a blanket and holes in the blanket, coupled with photos suggest Pratt may have tried to crawl away with the blanket over him, indicate that the attacker may have stabbed Pratt through the blanket as well. Evidence and information in the case would suggest the attacker was probably injured and bleeding after the attack and possibly had bled on the blanket. During an interview with Marie Pratt, she told me the blanket which covered Wayne was not something which would have been laying out. She hadn't remembered seeing it and it was probably on a shelf somewhere in the backroom. Marie could not think of a reason that anyone besides Wayne would have handled it.

Our agency sent the blanket, Pratt's clothing, and the shovel to the Wisconsin State Crime Lab for DNA processing. The results from the Crime Lab had identified a DNA profile for Wayne Pratt, but all other DNA evidence was inconclusive. The information from the Crime Lab was the DNA located was insufficient or degraded.

Due to the degraded DNA, we sought the assistance of a private lab that specialized in degraded DNA work, Sorenson Forensics out of Utah. In 2014 we sent the extracts developed by the Crime Lab and cuttings from the blanket to Sorenson Forensics, the results identified the victim, Wayne Pratt's DNA present on the blanket while other items yielded no results.

In 2015, we sent the blanket to Sorenson Forensics so they could use a new system for degraded DNA, Mini-Filer Testing. The blanket was broken up into four quadrants, top right, top left, bottom right, and bottom left. Testing was done on each quadrant and all the quadrants yielded mixtures of at minimum two DNA contributors. The top right quadrant yielded a minimum three DNA contributors. The mixtures were inconclusive. At that time, from the information I could find, there was not a scientific method for separating these mixtures. Additionally, the mixtures were not able to be submitted to any DNA database.

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In 2017, Sheri Devereau, met with investigators reference this case. She indicated she was a medium/psychic and then laid out a story of how she had received information from other-worldly-means that William Doxtator had committed the murder. Ms. Devereau was asked several times if she had any connection to the case or knew anyone involved in the case. Sheri said she did not. In an effort to gather more information about Ms. Devereau's statements, I reached out to Mary Gillis, now Mary Ullman. Mary stated Sheri Devereau was her niece, more specifically her 'crazy niece,' who thinks she's a psychic. Mary said that Ms. Devereau would have known all the stories about William Doxtator and anything Sheri told me she's heard from someone in their family. I asked Mary what she knew about William Doxtator. Mary said Judy Doxtator had told her that Judy had found a bloody knife in William's car the day after the murder. Additionally, Judy had told her 'Billy' didn't have any money and then the day after the murder he had cash. Mary also said her sister Karol still won't talk to law enforcement about her conversations with Judy, because Karol still sees 'Billy' and is afraid of him.

With this information, I applied for a DNA warrant for William Doxtator and was granted the warrant. In January of 2018, myself and Det. Sleeter located William Doxtator and collected a DNA standard. William denied killing Wayne Pratt, but said he knew him 'good.' Mr. Doxtator said Wayne Pratt was a 'good friend of his,' but he was an 'alcoholic.' William stated he had a two tone blue 1955 Old's at the time. William told us at one point they were going to give him a lie detector test but then a Sergeant punched him and there was an altercation, so he never took the test. William also made comments that he believed he was at the gas station either the day Pratt was killed or the day after. Mr. Doxtator said multiple times he had nothing to do with the homicide and he wouldn't have hurt Pratt because he liked him. William indicated that the police really liked him for the Pratt murder and watched him for quite a while.

In late 2023, after speaking with Sorenson Forensics reference new science, we sent the blanket to them for MVAC testing. Again the blanket was separated by quadrants. The top right corner yielded a mixture of DNA profiles from three contributors, the bottom right corner yielded a mixture of DNA profiles from a minimum of two contributors, the bottom left corner yielded a mixture of DNA profiles from three contributors, and the top left corner yielded DNA profiles from two contributors. All mixtures were inconclusive.

In April of 2024, I began working with Cybergenetics of Pennsylvania, regarding their TrueAllele Services. This service has successfully handled law enforcement cases, as well as exoneration cases that involved DNA mixtures. Cybergenetics indicated that they would run our information from Sorenson Forensics in their system. They would take all provided reference DNA samples and compare them to the DNA mixtures from the blanket.

I provided Cybergenetics with the Sorenson Forensic data, which included standards from Wayne Pratt, Marie Pratt, and David Sennholtz. In the preliminary TrueAllele process, Wayne Pratt's DNA was associated to all four quadrants of the blanket. Marie Pratt and David Sennholtz's DNA profiles were not associated to the blanket.

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I obtained the DNA profiles of William Doxtator and Marvin Kilsdonk from the Wisconsin State Crime Lab, and forwarded them to Cybergenetics. Marvin Kilsdonk's DNA was not associated to the blanket.

On 05-15-2024, I received an email from Cybergenetics reference William Doxtator's DNA profile. The email indicated- \* The suspect's DNA is associated with the evidence.

After confirming the information with Cybergenetics, I checked multiple online resources for William Doxtator and learned William Doxtator had passed away on April 19, 2022.

I attempted to contact Marie Pratt (Orr), and discovered she had passed away on July 2, 2023.

William Doxtator has been a suspect in this case from the beginning. He was familiar with the gas station, telling me repeatedly he went there all the time. His wife Judy Doxtator told her friends she, at minimum, suspected William was involved in the murder. William drove a vehicle matching the description of the last car Marie Pratt had seen at the gas station prior to her walking out and finding Wayne murdered. The time frame is tight, with Marie seeing the car around 8:45pm and calling the police by approximately 9pm. Additionally, Robert Frank describes the same vehicle in the lot and a man running out of the gas station, getting into that vehicle. At some point, years later, Judy Doxtator told her friend Mary Gillis (Ullman) she found a bloody knife in William's car the day after the murder and he suddenly had cash. There is information William Doxtator was on parole for theft and he had been arrested as recently as June 1st of 1963. William Doxtator's DNA profile is statistically present on the bloody blanket used to cover the victim Wayne Pratt. For these reasons, I would have referred a charge of First Degree Intentional Homicide, WI Statute 940.01(1)(a), to the Winnebago County District Attorney's Office for this case. But due to the fact William Doxtator is deceased, I'm requesting a review of the findings by the District Attorney's Office so that our agency can close this case.

No further information at this time.

Det. Lt. C. Braman W301

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP001 - EISCHEN - 02/09/09

AUTHOR: EISCHEN, CHERILYN

**HOMICIDE** 

02/02/09 CPT. C. EISCHEN W3

On 02/02/09 at 1718 hours the Winnebago Co. Crime Stoppers received tip. The tip is as follows:

"Unsolved case of murder of Wayne Pratt in 1963 near Oshkosh. Look into Gary Geiger and his friend, last name Wismer I believe. Someone who used to work for Geiger, Kelly Long told me he over heard him talking about how it went down. Apparently it was a robbery gone bad."

I reviewed the original case file case #N255CR, Wayne Pratt Homicide and found a case event time line which is as follows(verbatim):

# Wayne Pratt Case

Lime	

Event

5:40 P.M.

Lyle Perkins purchase gas & charge it. 54-55 Pontiac occupants unknown came into station. Also Fredrick Kossel was in getting air in tires of wagon. Wife not home, but passed station on way to Neenah.

5:40 P.M.	Fredrick Kossel was in station & saw nothing
5:45 P.M.	Marie Pratt returned home.
6:00 P.M.	Bonnie DeQuane took a cab from the station.
7:15 P.M.	Michael McKinnon bought gas \$2.00
7:45 P.M.	Phone call from David Sinnholtz
7:50 P.M.	Wayne went over to station to waite on a white corvier.
8:00 P.M.	Phone call to office manager
8:00 P.M.	Martin Kaster bought gas on credit card. At that time a 55-56 Chev
	station wagon light blue bottom & a dark blue top with 2 men was
	in station - LAST SALE ON TAPE.

8:40 P.M. Robert Prey passed the station. Saw a light green or white 51-52

Buick with a carry top on it.

8:40 P.M. Robert Frank passed station saw lights on & a 57 Ford with fins cut

down & man coming out of station.

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8:40 P.M.	Wayne Pratt left the house and went over to the station a short time
	later Mrs. Pratt saw 2 cars there #1 a 52 Buick blue bottom - white
	top. Also a white newer car
9:00 P.M.	Marie saw that lights were not on & went over to station.
9:08 P.M.	Marie discovered the body & called the police.
I also found a 3	3 x 5 note which had writing on the front and back as follows:
Front: Gary Ge	iger, Works at Main Auto Body, Main St. Neenah. Had a 57 Ford blue & white.
After he custon	nized it he painted it maroon.
Back: Steve Bu	urton Description fist Edward Hayes.
I also located re	ecited statements to the Geiger tip. Gary Geiger's statement is as follows:
"Gary Geiger	
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	as interviewed 1-29-63 at the Neenah High School. He stated that he had a 57 Custom car that he vn on. He said that he cut the fins down sometime last summer. At that time the car was maroon, but
	en light blue. He stated that one other person that he knew used his car & that was Edward Hayes,
	n't know if he was using it the night that Wayne Pratt was killed. Gary did not know Wayne Pratt & did
-	the station before this last week. He said that about 2 weeks after he had his car cut down he saw
_	k Fairlaine & at one time it was all primer color. He saw the car at the corner house across from the
school. This wa	as a convertable. Gary thinks that party was from Appleton but he is not sure. The car was sold to
Steve Burton	It was sold a couple of months ago & is now
light blue."	

Edward Hayes's interview/statement is as follows:

"Edward J. Hayes Jr.

"Edward Hayes Jr. was interviewed 1-29-63 by Lt. Richard Guenther at the Main Auto Body where he works. He said that he did drive Gary Geiger's car, but at that time it was maroon. Edward Hayes said that he never was in the Pratt station & that he did not know Wayne Pratt. Edward said that he saw 2 cars that were customized they were 57 fords & that is where Geiger got the idea to cut down the fins like that. One of the cars had a Lincoln motor in it. Edward doesn't know who they belonged to though. He also has seen one in Appleton but down like that."

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No further information.

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP002 - EISCHEN - 02/27/09

AUTHOR: EISCHEN, CHERILYN

HOMICIDE

02/27/09 CPT. C. EISCHEN W3

On today's date the Winnebago Co. Sheriff's Office received information regarding William Doxtator as being involved in this incident.

\*Note\* The following is taken verbatim off of information received by officers during the time frame of this incident. Previous investigation is as follows:

"Appleton Sheriff's Office - 06-19-63 3:00 P.M. Jack Frenzl

William Doxtator - apparently work at a T.V. parts outfit in Neenah.

On 06-13-63 he came into Little Chute and paid a 25.00 stipulation. He paid it with 2 tens and a 5.

License number of car he is driving now is B-21-324

He remarked to Officer Jensen at Little Chute that he knew Wayne Pratt and his wife and that he had played with their little boy.

He gave an address as at the time. He was arrested on June 1st 0f 1963.

Doxtator is

Cadillac he had was an old white one but Frenzel thinks is is smashed up not. It may have had a Continental kit on it. He will check and let me know on this.

Autogamie Co. suspects a lite pink almost white Cadillac on Sabe jobs H44-0-0"

"Calumet Co. Sheriff's Dept. 06-19-63 12:43 P.M.

He works for a television outfit in Oshkosh. William Doxtator - He lives in

06-12-63 a Superette (Barneys) was burglarized at Sherwood on that night. A blue and white 1955 Olds was seen in the rear of this building. Went in through basement window - couple cartons cigarettes taken. Blue & white olds seen there about before 10:49 but about 2 hours the owners were there. Doxtator is very capable of this - sent to Green Bay once for B & E.

He paid a 25.00 fine at Little Chute on the 13th of June.

Doxtator ran out of gas at about 6:30 A.M. on 6-13-63. Went to a farmer for gas. Looked as though he didn't have any sleep that night before. He was coming from the west. He had money, when he was in Little Chute to pay fine he stated that he was good friends with Wayne Pratt and saw him often. He claims that he often played with

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Wayne's children when he went to visit Wayne.

Stopped for gas by a "Mike Kloeppel" - on mail box - 2nd or 3rd farmer on left hand side going west	House is yellow. Name White fence along driveway."
"June 19 - 1963 1:00 P.M. Michael Kloeppel - Route #2	

Mike recalls that on Wed. morning on June 13 - 1963 at about 6:15 or 6:20 A.M. a person came into the driveway and stopped his car right in front of the barn. Mike was milking in the barn at the time. The fellow came right on into the barn after getting out of his car. The car he was driving was blue and white olds. He knew that the car was a 55 or 56 olds. It had a white top. Mike recalls that he had seen the fellow before and later his son told Mike that this fellow was William Doxtator. He walked right up to Mike in the barn and asked if he could held him out with some gas. The fellow stated that he had been expecting his car to run out of gas at any minute and that he had come from Potter. Doxtator was in a hurry claiming that he should be on the job in 20 minutes in Oshkosh. Mike thinks that Doxtator told him that he worked at the broad casting station. Bill drove his car over by the shed where the gas is kept. Bill noted that his gas gauge was way empty and that when he got 2 dollars worth his gauge usually said 1/4 full. The put in gas until a little over 1/4 tank and Doxtator gave Mike \$3.00 for the gas. Then he left. Mike don't know which way he went when he got onto 114. He went out of Mike's driveway to the cross road. Right on the cross road and up to 114 but he don't know which way he went after getting onto 114. Mike does not have any idea just what type of clothing Doxtator had on. He did not notice anything when he looked in the car. Mike said that Doxtator looked like a man who had just gotten up or had over slept and was in a real big hurry.

Mike says that when Doxtator gave him the 3 one dollar bills he must have had at least 8 more bills in his wallet, but he don't know what size bills were in the wallet. First Doxtator gave him 2 one dollar bills and then he leafed through these bills and gave him another one stating here is another one for your bother.

Doxtator has been known to drive a Cadillac, model or color unknon check with Calumet Co. Sheriff on this."

"June 22 - 1963 (Note: Author = Wilbur Fuller WISO #44) Through a traffic ticket issued by the Neenah Police I learned that William A. Doxtator had an address . I inquired at this address, talking to the caretaker Albert E. Martin He stated that William had rented a room there up until June 12- 1963. On June 12th he moved out at between 11:00 P.M. and midnight. Martin has not seen Doxtator around since then. Doxtator had been given orders to move and he over stayed his rent by one day. His rent for the last week had been paid by his mother by check on June 8 - 1963. This check was drawn on a Potter bank. Mr. Martin stated that he knew that Doxtator didn't

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have any money and had attempted to borrow \$750.00 from any finance Co. in Oshkosh, to buy a boat, but he couldn't get the money any where. Doxtator is supposed to be working at Standard Kohlsman Co. here in Oshkosh and according to Martin, he didn't have too good of a work record, staying home many days.

Mr. Martin recalls that on the night of June 12 he talked to Doxtator and that it was after 11:00 P.M. He thinks that Bill had on his work clothes. He didn't appear to be in any special hurry and took his time about getting his things out of the apartment. Martin asked Bill why he didn't move at a more reasonable hour and Bill explained that he had taken a couple of girls home Martin again stressed that he thought that Doxtator acted natural. Martin recalls that Bill didn't come home to his apartment on the night of the 12th and when Bill moved out they were glad to get rid of him, because he always left his place in such a mess.

Doxtator did not pay his electric and phone bill and Martin had to return it because he did not have a forwarding address on Doxtator. #44"

"William A. Doxtator (Note: Author = Lt. Richard Guenther)

William Doxtator was interviewed 6-24-63 by Lt. Richard Guenther. William Doxtator stated that he has been working for Standard Kohlsman for about a year. He stated that he used to go into the Pratt station, but just to buy gas. He had been in the station one night last week sometime after 4:00 P.M. but he doesn't know what night. He said that sometimes when he was in there Pratt had been drinking but wasn't drunk. Bill always paid cash for the gas he got there. On Wednesday, he said that he went to work at Standard Kohlsman. He had moved out of his apartment the night before. Rosemary Winters was with him Tuesday when he moved out. Picked her up at 7:00 & she left at about 9:00. Was helping him pack up. He was there until about 11:00 P.M. He talked to the man who runs the apartment. After work Bill had the record player in the car & Judy Coonen & Pat Wilker (sp?) were along & put on the brakes in Appleton & the record player broke, & he had to get a couple of new tubes to replace 2 that Her dad was home. were broken when it fell off the seat. They went to the house After awhile they went swimming at Apple Creek road. After that they went back to her house. He then fixed the phonograph. Brought a 7C7 tube from the Robeduare(sp?) Appliance shop in Kaukauna for \$3.70. After that they sat & listened to records. This was after 9:00 P.M. He stayed until about 10:00 P.M. He thinks he went home after that but it could be that he went Sibulers(sp?) Shack on Kimberly road, a teenage bar. If he did go there he got home about 12:00 P.M. The incident of going to the farmers for gas was in the morning when (sometime last October at Sammys Bar in Kaukauna someone pulled a knife on Bill. Bill only knows the guy as Butch) he was going to work. He knew the farmer & his tank was low on gas & that is why he stopped at the farmers to get the gas. He is on parole for theft."

The following comes from a note written on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper and it is verbatim as follows:

"Officer Jackson

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Incident Number: WI63-000255 Aug. 21 - 1964 girl by the name of Mother is Velma Doxtator The next three items are interviews done by Sgt. Cowling and they are as follows: "12/3/68 Tues. 2:30 P.M. Mrs. LeRoy (Marilyn) Hanson, was interviewed by Sgt. Cowling at her home. Mrs. Hanson relates that about two weeks ago her sister Mrs. Patrick (Mary) Gillis and a Mrs. Gordon Heisel who is a friend of Mrs. Hanson were at her (Mrs. Hanson's) home and the subject of conversation some how got into the unsolved killing of the man in the filling station at Oshkosh several years ago. Mrs. Hanson explained that a Mrs. Ronald (Carol) Coonen, Mrs. Gillis & herself are sisters and that Mrs. William Doxtator & Ronald Coonen are brother & sister. Mrs. Hanson further explained that Mrs. Doxtator & her husband William are now separated and she is filing for a divorce on the grounds of inhumane treatment. Mrs. Doxtator is living with her mother that she is paying someone to take care of because she can't stand the childs looks because it looks like

Mrs. Hanson stated the following hearsay information that she says was related by Mrs. Doxtator to Mrs. Coonen, to Mrs. Gillis and then Mrs. Gillis told the incidents to Mrs. Hanson at her house. The following would be what Mrs. Doxtator is supposed to have said: That on the night "Pratt" was killed she was with Bill Doxtator. This was before they were married and Bill parked the car across the street from the filling station and walked over to the station and a while later came back to the car and now Mrs. Doxtator after living with Bill knows what kind of a person he is and she now feels that Bill walked over to the station to rob it and got caught and thus got into fight and killed the guy. This was around the time when Doxtator was robbing all kind of places. Mrs. Doxtator is supposed to have rode past the filling station and is sure that this is the station that they parked across from. Mrs. Doxtator got questioned by the police at the time of the murder but did not say anything either out of fear or love for Bill or else she didn't know at the time that Bill had killed the guy, but has realized over the years that Bill did kill the man after getting caught robbing him.

William. The Doxtator's also had a child drown in the lake last year. Mrs. Doxtator is very afraid of William so afraid in fact that in her suit for divorce she is not bringing up the fact of William's having relations with a 17 yr old

Mrs. Doxtator has proof of Williams affair and also William was in jail because of

Mrs. Hanson stated that Mrs. Gillis would tell us about what had been told to her but she stated that Mrs. Coonen

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would not talk to the police about the matter. She thought that Mrs. Doxtator would be to afraid of retaliation from
Bill to tell about the matter.
Addresses
Mrs. Gillis
Mrs. Heisel
Mrs. Doxtator
"12/4/68
Wed
3:45 P.M.
Mrs. Patrick (Mary) Gillis was interviewed at her home by Sgt. Cowling.
Mary recalls that on the "King" beer bar with Judy Doxtator and Mrs.
Donald Coonen. Mrs. Coonen is Mrs. Gillis' sister. At the "King" they were sitting at a table and at the time Judy
Doxtator was thinking about getting a divorce from her husband Bill because he was chasing around with a young
Mrs. Coonen was telling Judy Doxtator that she would take him back this time like the other times
Judy replied but that she would not take him back this time because she felt that Bill had something
to do with the killing of a filling station man in Oshkosh. Judy mentioned that she was afraid to tell anyone. Judy
mentioned that Bill & her were in the vicinity of the filling station the night the fellow was killed and that Bill had the
opertunity and she felt that Bill was caught robbing the place and killed the guy. Judy also mentioned that she was
questioned about the killing but told the police they were not around there at the time the guy was killed but now
remembers that they were in the vicinity of the station the night the man was killed. Mrs. Gillis stated that perhaps
Judy was saying these things to them because she was mad at Bill but she felt that Judy was sincere and would
not say things like this if they were not true."
"12/5/68
Thur.
10:30 A M
Judy (Coonen) Doxtator was interviewed on above date at her mother's house
Wis. by Lt. Fuller & Sgt. Cowling.
Judy recalled that on the night of the filling station crime Bill Doxtator came to her house. She did not remember
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what time he came to her house, but she thought he left the house between 10-11 p.m. Judy stated that if she rode from Standard Kohlsman home after work with Bill and she is not sure that she did ride home with him, that Carol Franski would have been with her.

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Judy was asked about any remarks she might have made to people about being with Bill and stopping or parking, visiting or being in the vicinity of the filling station (Pratt) at around the time of the crime, but she state she never made any such remarks because she was at home at the time of the crime and her mother can bear this out.

Judy was asked if she thought Bill capable of killing the person and she didn't know for sure, she states she don't trust him. Judy said that she has been seporated for about a year from Bill and she has no intention of going back to him even tho she follows her around and calls her. Judy indicated that Bill was involved in a lot of stuff but did not confide in her.

Judy was asked if she would take a polygraph test in regard the matter and she said she would take the test because she is telling the truth."

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP003 - MAKURAT - 03/02/09

AUTHOR: MAKURAT, THOMAS

**HOMICIDE** 

03/02/09 1438 HOURS DET. T. MAKURAT W67

in reference to this investigation. I left a I contacted Thomas J. Ganzel message for Mr. Ganzel and he returned several phone calls, leaving me messages at 1459, 1509 and 1615 hours. At 1645 hours I was able to make phone contact with Mr. Ganzel again.

Mr. Ganzel seemed reluctant to meet with me at first. I explained that I would drive up and meet with him face to face. He explained that he lived about an hour and fifteen minutes away from Oshkosh, north of Oshkosh and said that he really did not know anything about this case. He stated that the best person to contact would be his sister, a Karol Hanold. He said that he had overheard his sister and someone else talking about this, or somehow a conversation had started and he overheard this information. Mr. Ganzel said that he believes his sister was talking to a Sandy Besaw. Mr. Ganzel then explained that his sister used to be Karol Coonen. She had married Ron Coonen and Ron Coonen had a sister by the name of Judy. Judy Coonen married William Doxtator. Mr. Ganzel said that apparently, Mr. Doxtator was very abusive and Judy eventually divorced him.

Mr. Ganzel explained that his sister's husband Ron Coonen had died, apparently drank himself to death, and Karol, his sister, remained close with Judy Doxtator, even after they were both divorced and were no longer related. Mr. Ganzel stated that his sister Karol had been told by Judy Doxtator that William Doxtator told her that he had killed a guy at a gas station and it was towards Oshkosh. He had told Judy Doxtator this information. It is unknown when this information was told to Judy Doxtator or when it was told to Karol Coonen or Karol Hanold. Mr. Ganzel also advised me that Judy Doxtator had died recently, within the past couple of years he believed.

Mr. Ganzel said that he had possibly overheard the conversation between Karol, his sister, and Sandy Besaw last fall at his daughter's wedding. He said that he was not very close with his sister Karol. He sees her once every couple of years. He explained that he did not have a falling out with his sister, they just had never been that close. I had asked about the age difference between the two and he said that could have been it, he was just not very close to his sister and he stopped making the effort to try and keep in contact with them after they had stopped trying to keep in contact with him. He advised to contact her but he did not have exact information. I was able to research and find a Karol A. Coonen with an A.K.A. of Karol A. Hanold and in researching this, I was able to Ganzel had given me an address of locate Karol Hanold or Karol Coonen. I will be attempting to make contact with Karol Hanold in reference to this investigation.

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I advised Mr. Ganzel that I would contact him if there was any other information or if he had any other information to contact me at the business phone number he had used to reach me. He stated that he would. Investigation to continue.

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP004 - EISCHEN - 03/05/09

AUTHOR: EISCHEN, CHERILYN

**HOMICIDE** 

03/05/09 1100 HOURS CPT. C. EISCHEN W3
The following is information from an interview done on 06/20/1963 at the Neenah Police Dept. with Marie Ann Prat

and at this time her listed address was

The information is as follows:

"Marie Ann Pratt,

Marie Ann Pratt was interviewed 6-20-63 at the Neenah Police Department.

Mrs. Pratt stated that she first met Wayne Pratt in November, 1958 at which time she was still in high school Wayne had moved to with his parents. Wayne and Marie went together for about a year and a half before they were married on 5-28-60. Before this date, Wayne worked at Bell's Restaurant, the Soo Line Depot in Neenah and the Gibson Company in Oshkosh. He washed cars and greased them. When they are married they moved into the station. A man by the name of Jones ran the station before they were there.

Wayne had never been married before, and as far as Marie They have one child knows, had very few girl friends before they were married only one that he was serious about. As far as Marie knows, he hadn't seen her since they were married except when he was with Marie at a wedding dance. Her maiden name was Marlene Dolechek.

Wayne was a good family man and stayed home most of the time. Marie and Wayne didn't go out often, and when they did, it usually was to Bud's Airport Tavern and other local places. Homer and Yvonne Bishop, and Stanley and Karen Riska, were close friends of the Pratts.

During the past year, Wayne went out once in a while by himself after he locked up the station. On these occasions he would ask Marie to go along, but if she didn't feel like going, that is when he would go alone.

When the baby was six months old, Marie starting working at the Warren Coe Insurance Agency, Main Street, Oshkosh. She works from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and is a stenographer.

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Before Wayne and Marie married, she went with a boy by the name of Ted Bertagnoli, who works at Marathon. He wasn't shook up about her getting married to someone else and she hasn't seen him since they broke up. As far as she knows, there is no reason why any rumors should start about her being out with anyone else, because she has been no where that would suggest this. The only time she went with anyone else was when David Sennholz, a man she knows at work, took her to the doctor . This was during the daytime, and once she saw him at Copp's and at that time he was with his wife.

The only other incident that she can remember was the first part of May, 1963. A man from the telephone company who was working at the Coe Agency walked down the stairs with her and asked her about having a beer. She said "No." The conversation got to where she lived and she told him that her husband ran the Enco Station at Hwy 41 and 45. The next morning she saw that the telephone book was laying on her desk and opened to the yellow pages. The station name was underlined in red. The man came back the next day and showed her the Daily Dilly. She hasn't seen him since. He was described as about 26, 200 lbs., about 6'1", brown curly hair. As far as she knows there was nothing further to this incident.

Mrs. Pratt stated that she and her husband got along well - they had the normal amount of arguments that husband and wife have, but nothing serious. They had an argument Sunday, but it was settled before the evening was over. His parents came over that night and they laughed about it.

During the day, while Marie worked, Wayne's sister, Donna Pratt, age 19, took care of their child. That was up to 3 weeks ago, when Donna's mother fell down and broke her ankle. Then she took care of her mother and Marie over to the mother's house

As to previous tragedies in the family, a brother-in-law, Richard Williams, died in a plane crash near Tustin. He was the pilot and was 24 at the time this happened in November, 1961. In November, 1962, her uncle, Carl Webb, shot himself at New London. In January, 1963, her grandmother died.

Marie knows very little about the Pratt side of the relation, but there apparently was trouble in by-gone days because they never came to see Wayne, and Wayne said that he hoped they didn't come to the house to see him. Her recollection is that there had been some trouble in the Pratt relation in that the father and his brothers weren't on very good terms.

There was a girl, supposedly from Oshkosh, who hung around the station with the Kaufman boys. She is about 15 or 16 years old and her mother is a divorcee.

As to the air hose incident, she doesn't know who that was, but it could have been Ken Schroeder, as he is young and drives his car out of the station rapidly on occasion.

The old car that was left there blew a rod and was left there 2 weeks ago Sunday. Wayne agreed to let it there for

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50 cents a day. It was a 58 lavender Olds. The men who were in the car made a phone call. One was described as 20, dark hair, crew cut, 5'11", 160 lbs and the older man, 40, 5'8", 170 lbs, dark hair. They said they were from Milwaukee. The car had a Wisconsin license plate.

Wayne had no guns in the station, and only the little knife that was there. If there was a letter opener, she doesn't know about it. There was nothing to her knowledge that could have inflicted the wounds.

On Wednesday, June 12, 1963, Marie and Wayne got up a little before 7:00 AM. She did not have to take because he had spent the previous night at Wayne's father's house. They went to the Colony Club in Fond du Lac. All the girls from the Coe Agency were at the party. Nelda Faust (Mrs. Raymond Faust) drove Marie as far as her house, where Marie had her car parked. Marie drove home from there, getting home about 1:00 AM.

On that Wednesday morning, Marie made coffee and left for work. Wayne was alone. Marie took the car to work a 1961 blue Bell Air Chev, which is their car. She worked all day and then drove back to the station at about 5:45 PM. (Marie had made supper - chili - the night before). She got in the house, set the table and they had supper.

Marie doesn't think Wayne had his coveralls on because she thinks it was that night she mentioned about his clothes being dirty.

fell asleep after supper. Marie did dishes and sprinkled clothes. Wayne was in the living room watching TV. The phone rang over at the station and Wayne answered it. He said it was David Sennholz and that he wanted to talk to Marie. David asked about Chuck Arnemann who is Marie's brother-in-law. He wanted Marie to talk to him about insurance. This was about 7:40 PM.

When she got through talking, a person with a white Corvair drove in and Wayne left the house and went to the station. After that Wayne came back into the house. They were watching TV and Marie was ironing. Wayne may have gone outside in between. woke up about 8:40 PM. After Marie got home for supper, she didn't leave the premises. Their car was parked in front of the house, facing the house.

Marie then put pajamas on. She was ironing when Wayne left the house. She was standing toward the back of the living room, but could see out of the porch window. She saw a white car at the pumps facing north. She feels that it was either an Olds or a Pontiac, most likely a '59 Pontiac. Marie doesn't remember if Wayne was outside or inside the station when she saw the car, but before that car drove in, he was inside the house watching TV.

A very short time later, she looked out again and saw the two cars there. Car #2 was parked between the 2 islands and the car's gas tank was even with the regular pump. She is pretty sure this car is a 1952 Buick. It had a white top and a blue bottom.

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Incident Number: WI63-000255 Marie then got up, and went into the bedroom. She brought him into the living room and dressed him and laid him on the davenport. She went back to her ironing and then she looked up, and the blue car was there alone. No one was in the car. Marie waited a while and didn't hear anything. When she finished ironing the piece, she looked out again and the car was gone. She ironed another piece and then it dawned o her that the lights weren't on and she went out to look for Wayne. She took Marie went into the station and to the back room. She opened the door and called for Wayne twice, but he didn't answer. She was holding and he was wrapped in a blanket. She then went outside and called him. Both bathroom doors were open. He didn't answer. She then opened the cash register, pressing "NO Sale" and pulled the crank back. She saw the money wasn't there, so she looked in the 2 cigar boxes under the cabinet. She saw there was no money in the boxes. She then opened the back door and turned on the light. She saw the blanket and then saw Wayne's leg sticking out. She uncovered him and saw the bump on his head. She bent down and said "Wayne" and then she phoned the police from the phone on the shelf. After that she looked around and saw the blood. She lifted up the shirt but doesn't recall seeing his undershirt. She saw his back and thought it was bullet wounds. She doesn't know why she thought it was bullet wounds. aid "Daddy bleed". Shortly after the officer came." The following are miscellaneous notes that were written down on legal paper in this same time frame. They are as follows: "Went out on New Years Eave going to move on Cecil St. This week sometime \$100.00 per month Bim Rowel. 250.00 per month E & R Development. Boy going out to father in laws. Joe Holowinski Menasha, Usher. Brother who is a priest. Jack Joseph Hablewitz moving evenings

Homer Bishop.

Going with - David Sennholtz, was going to sell her a policy he broke it off. Check commission. Going with July. Went to doctor. Went on a side road.

John H. Hablewitz

1-30-64

1969 Ford

Speeding

2:00 A.M. U32-386

Ronald Wittman 1:10 A.M. Black Galaxi 500

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5'5" stockey round face

2 Dr.

Light brown hair."

The following is another interview with Marie Ann Pratt:

"Marie Ann Pratt

Marie Ann Pratt was interviewed 6-27-63 by Lt. Richard Guenther at the Sheriff's Office. She stated that a far as she knows all that she touched was the door knob, but she might possibly have touched the door to the back room. She did not touch the snow shovel, nor did she even see any snow shovel that night. She does not recall any blood on her hands, & if there was, it would have been only a small amount not enough to notice. All she touched was his head with her finger & the telephone, & the door. Sometime within the past week prior to Wayne's death she can't remember the date she was in the back room & had touched all of the shovels at the time she had no cuts on her hand, & she noticed no blood on the shovel then, at any rate if there was any it didn't come from her."

The following are notes taken starting July 6, 1963:

"July 6 - 1963

Webb 2-9001

Marie Pratt

Electrician out of Oshkosh Company paid for this. Cold weather broke off the wires from the station to the house. Last winter an electric Co. from town came out and ran some wires over the top of the ground. This spring they again came out and ran the wires underground. She does not know who the electrician was.

Clarence Pratt - 5 -3329

Electrician was apparently was from Oshkosh. Possibly the contractor that built the station. Maybe Krause Const. (Pat) This was done about 2 1/2 months ago.

Wayne was pressured into buying some circus tickets. He was mad about this because he told the people that he did not want any tickets. The woman drove a 1968 gray Chev. station wagon. Tom Jensen cracked up two cars near there."

The following are interviews with Marie Pratt:

"Marie Pratt

Marie Pratt was interviewed 7-9-63 at the Warren Coe Agency where she works by Lt. Richard Guenther.

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Before the interview she had called Lt. Guenther at the Sheriff Office. She stated that Robert Kosmerchack is a relative of Wayne Pratt's, & she knew that he had been in trouble before, & since the possability is there that Wayne might have known the person, she thought she should mention this to us. She also stated that she had a dream that Mr. Jones the man that used to operate the station had a mask over his head, & that Lt. Guenther told her that Wayne wasn't really dead that the police just said that to catch whoever was responsible. Even though it was only a dream she thought that she should mention it. With her permission to come over to the Coe Agency & show her the photographs taken the night of Wayne's death at the station before the body was removed. The purpose of this was to try to place the misplaced things in the station in the order in which they were before the crime. She stated that the battery charger was usually kept on the same side of the building as the lawn mower, & about in the same place where the lawn mower is. The shovel was kept behind the door that leads from the front of the station to the back room. The blanket, she is not sure where that was kept but when she saw him covered with it, it was part way under his chest & he was covered about to the middle of his legs with what appeared to be the corner thrown over him, which would have covered him from the head down to the legs. The jumper cables were usually kept in the back room in a box there that contained tools. She felt that if Wayne had used the cables earlier then he last trip from the house that he would have put them away & that they were probably used sometime after he left the house to go to the station on the last occasion. She said she doesn't know why she didn't see the blood first when she lifted up the blanket, but stated that she didn't. She had little more to offer than what she had said on previous occasions with reference to the cars. Mrs. Pratt was again contacted by phone when it was learned that a party had been at the station along with electricians that day. She said that she thought from the descriptions that this party was Charles Gunderson a fellow that both her & Wayne knew from the airport Tavern."

#### "Marie Pratt

Marie Pratt called the Sheriff's Office 7 -27-63 - her call was returned 7-29-63 by Lt. Richard Guenther. She stated that she recalled a few things that may be helpful.

She stated that she recalled that on Memorial Day week end probably on Sunday that a Buick the same kind & color drove up the side road from the south - west. They drove onto the platform & a man & woman between 35-40 or a little older got out of the car. They were both intoxicated. The woman came over to where Marie was hanging out clothes & talked to Marie. Marie recalls that she staggered. She said to Marie that it was nice out, & asked Marie if she just had the one child. Marie seems to think that this party could have been Waynes Aunt Pearl because the woman mentioned that she had 7 children, & they were taken away from her. The man went into the station & talked to Wayne. She also stated that she thought that Raymond Marshes father worked with Edward Pratt.

Marie also stated that Fred Flander who is the caretaker for the cemetary where Wayne is buried said that the day after the funeral that a man came over & asked him where Wayne was buried & Mr. Flander showed him. This man had a smile on his face when he was shown where the grave was. The man then went over to the grave &

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looked & then got in a older model car & drove away. Mr. Flander is out of the city now & will be back in August.

8-1-63 Marie Pratt was contacted & stated that Wayne did not carry money in his jacket to make change & that he should have had about \$5.00 in his wallet as they were going out to the airport that night after they closed the station. She said that she had intended to go up & get Donna to baby sit for her & Wayne. Marie stated that she had gotten a notice from the Commercial Credit Corp that Wayne had a loan that she knew nothing about. It was paid out on his choice by insurance. The loan was (?) & it was taken out 3-22-63 reason given taxes. Amount \$125.00. Wayne made payments April 26 & May 27 of \$11.81 the loan was made on Snapon Tools, battery charger & a lawn mower. The amount paid out was 118.10 & 7.40 credit refund was sent to Wayne Pratt's estate. Marie also requested the amount of the daily receipts & this was totaled & found to be \$106.57. This figure given to Marie by phone."

The following is more information from Marie Ann Pratt;

"Marie Ann Pratt

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Marie Pratt stated that her husband Wayne Clarence Pratt 9-1-39 age 25 works at the station from 7:00 a.m. until he closes at 10:00 p.m. Never had any trouble at the station. They ate supper at 5:45 p.m. He had chilie. From that time he was back & forth in the house & waiting on customers. He sits in the chair by the door & could see a car when it comes up. At about 8:45 p.m. they were watching Carnagi Hall (Julie & Carl at.) & 2 cars came up. There was a fairly new a year or 2 old white sedan it was either a Oldsmobile or a Pontiac. She was standing away from the door ironing & in the back part of the house. The white car was facing west on the side toward the door. At approximately the same time as the white car drove in a blue car also had driven in. This car had parked on the outside of the pumps closest to the station. This car was facing the house or east. Carol Burnett was still on, & Mrs. Pratt looked out the door & saw the 2 cars there, but didn't see anyone in the blue car. A short time late she looked & saw the blue car there alone, the white car was gone. The blue car is described as a Buick probably prior to 1955. Bottom blue, & the top white hard top. She didn't hear any noise at all. License probably Wisconsin. The next time she looked out the car was gone. She waited for him to come in & he didn't come in. It started to get dark & the lights went on. She went out there & looked in station & he wasn't there so she called him & he didn't answer. She looked in the back but there weren't any lights on in the station so she didn't see anything. The door to the back room was closed then she opened the back door & closed it again. She then walked around by the bathroom & no one was there. The door to the bathroom was open so she came back & she looked in the till, pressed the button, & pulled the crank back to open & the money was gone. She opened the cupboard & looked in the 2nd cigar box, & there wasn't any money in there. She went into the back room & called his name & he didn't answer. She turned on the light & saw the blanket on the floor. The blanket covered him & all except his shoes. She lifted the blanket & saw him called his name but he didn't answer. She touched his head, & saw the bruise & called the police, before the police came she raised his shirt & saw his back, & then the squad car came up, &

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she told the officer she thought that he had been shot because she didn't look that close. Will be at Mr. Floyd Webb home

The following are notes from phone calls taken by Wilbur Fuller WISO #44:

"Aug. 9 - 1963 11:00 A.M.

Mrs. Marie Pratt - phone call.

Mrs. Pratt's atty. has advised her not to take the polygraph test. If we want more info about this we should contact him. He is Mr. Cooke

#44

Cooke-Englenger"

"Aug 9 - 1963

7:00 P.M.

Mrs. Marie Pratt.

Mrs. Pratt called back again ands aid that she was sorry about the test and that she wanted to cooperate fully with us but she explained that this is the advice of her atty. She said that her atty didn't believe in the tests and that he could see no value in her taking the test. She promised to reconsider and think it over some more and may go through with the test even though her atty advises her not to. #44"

The following are notations from Wilbur Fuller WISO #44:

"Aug 12, 1963 - 5:30 P.M.

Mrs. Marie Pratt -

(Floyd Webb)

Took a door from back of house - He stopped at Lige Craft - The man claims that a young fellow came over and talked about some young fellow that came over. Kid 17 years old - Heavy set - Blond - whacky on top - wanted work - Wayne didn't trust him wouldn't turn back. About 10 or 11 P.M. on the night of the murder the boys were seen by the boat works.

Marie - Wayne had in his wallet - 7 tickets to see the Indian show at the Dells and 4 tickets to go to the Dells - These tickets were to see the lower and upper Dells.

Larry Klug Parole"

The following are interviews with Marie Pratt:

"Marie Pratt was interviewed 12-28-63 at the Neenah P.D. by Lt. Richard Guenther. Marie was shown the funeral

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list from the Kilsdonk funeral. She said that she didn't know anyone on the list. She said that the only last names that were familiar to her are Cotter which is the name of a person who used to live behind her house a few years ago. She said that she recognized the name of Vander Hyden. Her & Wayne used to go out to the Paynes Point beer bar & Henry Vander Hyden was sometimes tending bar there. She was also asked about Louise Larson. She stated that she didn't know Louise Larson. This name appears on Wayne Pratts funeral list so it will have to be checked with his parents. Marie was then asked to recall the events of the night of her husband's death. She said that she remembered that was sleeping in the bedroom & the phone rang & it was David Senholtz. Wayne went outside to take care of a white Corvair that had driven into the station. She doesn't know the Corvair bought when it was pointed out to her that there was no sale recorded on the cash register. She said she was sure that it was a white Corvair. After that Wayne came back to the home. She said that her & Wayne were going to go out that night & she couldn't find her purse so she called to the office & talked to Russell Wilch about her purse. She said that she thought that it was awhile after this call that she saw the white car which she still can't identify & the 52 Buick in the station. She was still ironing & then got up & put his pajamas on him. She noticed that the lights were not on in the station so went over to the station & found Wayne & called the Sheriff's Dept. She was told about the Ford & the Buick seen by truck drivers, but she had not seen either of these 2 cars. Marie Pratt was then asked if she would reconsider taking a polygraph test & she said that she would reconsider. She was advised that I would contact her after the first of the year about the test if she would take it. Marie was told about the rumors which the Sheriff's Dept. about her having a boy friend. Marie said that she had only been out twice since Wayne's death & both times with a girl friend. She may have talked to someone in the place where they were, but she has no boy friend & is not getting remarried & said that she had no intention of doing so."

## "Marie Pratt 3-26-64

Wayne used to say to Yvonne Bishop. I'll be up to the apartment on Monday to Yvonne, Marie thinks that he was just kidding, but is not sure now because it is now rumored about Bentas that Yvonne is now going around with a party by the name of Marlin - last name unknow Marlyn is about 26 years old about 5'10", 150# dark hair ears a mustache. Used to see Marlin at the stock car, & Wayne knew Marlyn to talk to. This of corse is rumor, & Yvonne has never told Marie about anything. Marie had heard that Marilyn had been at the station in April, & felt that perhaps that Wayne may have meant it when he said that he would see Yvonne that he may have meant it & if Marlyn was going with her at the time he might have become angry & came to the station Marlyn drove a Mercury at that time & now has a red Corvair.

#### Payne

The above information was given to Lt. Guenther at the Wis. State Crime Lab., after Marie Pratt had taken a polygraph test. The results of the test according to Joseph Widowsky were that Mrs. Pratt has told us all that she knows about her husband's death & what she has told us is the truth she does not know who killed her husband."

"Points to Check

#1 Lights being on.

#2 Sundown 8:47 P.M. - still light out 6-1

#3 Car's don't match according to witnesses...

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#4 Why she said that she doesn't know why the cash was short, & that she didn't know much about the station operation when she had the books.

#5 About John Hablewitz & other boy friends #6 Why she didn't tell us before about her boy friend."

"Call to Marie Pratt
Number given to operator to try
23-15400
9:46 P.M.
Carl Mueckler

23-16240"

The following is another interview conducted with Marie Pratt by Lt. Richard Guenther:

"MARIE PRATT

Marie Pratt was interviewed 3-12-64 at the Neenah Police Department by Lt. Richard Guenther and Officer Wilbur Fuller with Mrs. Elaine Hoppe present.

Mrs. Pratt was asked to repeat the events of the night that her husband was killed. She told her story approximately the same as she told it on the first interview.

When asked about any boy friends she may have now, she said that she is now going with a man by the name of John Hablewitz

Mrs. Pratt was then asked about her association with David Sennholtz. She admitted that she had been seeing David before and after the murder as more than just a friend, that he had made advances to her and that she had accepted.

Marie Pratt was then advised by Lt. Guenther that since she had lied to us about this previously, that she should be advised that she did not have to tell us about anything, and that what she did tell us could e used in any inquest or other court proceedings that may follow.

Marie Pratt then stated that her love affair with David Sennholtz started on that first visit to before Wayne was killed. That afternoon David Sennholtz had made advances to her, but she said "no" because they were both married. The next day at the office on her coffe break, he wanted to know if she had changed her mind and she said "ok". It was less than once a week that they went out together.

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They usually went toward Berlin on 116. There was a place there on 116 where the farmers let people park. At the time Wayne was killed, it was in the first stages of their romance. The Monday night before Wayne was killed, she was with David Sennholtz, when she went to the doctor, she also saw David.

The romance continued after Wayne's death, and after Wayne's death, David told her that he was going to divorce his wife and marry Marie.

David drives a Ford Falcon, and they would either stay in the car or else they had a blanket that they would take along and set outside, but apparently didn't go anywhere else than to park.

During this time Marie said that she asked David about the killing and he told her that he didn't have anything to do with it, that no woman was worth that.

In October, after David Sennholtz's wife had the baby, he wrote Marie a letter and broke off the affair. She said that now she is willing to take a polygraph test, and that the only reason she wouldn't take one before was she was afraid if the police found out about her and David going together, they both might lose their jobs.

She said that she now has told us everything she knows about the murder of her husband.

She said that she is moving out of the home of her parents to an apartment told that she should use caution while alone in an apartment, because if the attack on Wayne was because of her, that she could be in danger there. She said that the argument with her parents was over the fact that her present boy friend, Jack Hableweitz is Catholic and that her parents didn't approve of him for this reason. She felt that she wanted to be alone. She said that she probably would be sorry after a while, and she didn't know if she would marry Hablewitz or not, but that is what she had decided to do (to move by herself), and would be moving there soon.

She was asked about the lights being on, and she maintained that she did not see the lights on. She also admitted that the second call to the office was not because she lost her purse, but that she wanted to talk to David, but when she found out that he wasn't there, she didn't make any more calls. She was asked why she called Dave the second time and she said that she just wanted to talk to him, and there was no special reason. She was asked if Wayne could have been listening from the station on the first call, and if there was any conversation in the first call that referred to her affair. She said 'no' and if there had been anyone on the phone, they would have heard the click.

She asked if her in-laws had to know and she was advised that that would not be necessary unless the affair had something to do with her husband's death or if it were brought to any legal proceedings that they would probably find out, but that I (Lt. Guenther) wouldn't tell them.

Interview concluded at about 9:00 P.M."

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The items below are interviews done with David L. Sennholz At the time of the first interview

David's address was They are as follows:

"David Sennholz

David Sennholz was interviewed 1-10-64 by Lt. Richard Guenther at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept.

David stated that on the night that Wayne Pratt was killed, he called out to the station at about 7:45 P.M. Wayne answered the phone and told David that Marie was ironing. He told David that business was good and David then talked to Marie about insurance for her brother-in-law, Chuck Arneman. They talked for a short while about the insurance. Shortly after that David went home.

The next morning David heard on the radio that Wayne was killed. He stated that he and his wife used to go over to Pratt's house occasionally and that Pratt's would come to their house.

There was only one time that they ever spoke of anything that may have been a problem. This was over whether Wayne should get out of the oil business. Wayne asked David what he thought about it, and they discussed the future possibilities that could be in the station. It was thought at one time that the station would be moved somewhere near Christmas, Wisconsin, but when that fell through, there was no more talk of moving the station. Other than that there was nothing else.

David thought Marie went to because of the on her ring finger. He thought that her sister had gone to him once and that is why she went there. David took Marie the first time she went there. This was in the afternoon and he had a call to make in Omro and that is why he took her. After he finished the call he picked her up and brought her back to Oshkosh.

He said that about 2 days ago Marie said that she had a boyfriend that she was dating. She told him that her boyfriend was Catholic and that there was some trouble at home because of this and that she was moving around the first of the month. She also told him that her boyfriend was 31, but didn't tell David who he was or where he was

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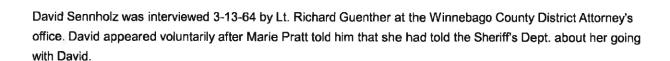
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from."

"David Sennholz



David was advised of his rights and then said that he started to go with Marie on the day that he took her to the doctor's

After that they went on a road off CTH "E" near 116 and parked. After that there were a few times, maybe 3-5 times that they met and in the early evening, parked on that same road and another road near Neenah.

David said that he doesn't remember being with Marie the Monday before Wayne was killed, but he could have been. On the night that Wayne was killed, David was at the office and did call Marie, but the conversation was about selling insurance to Chuck Arnemann and as far as David knows, nothing was said about him and Marie meeting secretly or no loving words passed between them.

After that David went home as he previously stated and didn't hear of the murder of Wayne until the next morning. David has no idea who may have done this to Wayne. After Wayne's death, David and Marie met on the average of once a week or less. They went to these places and parked. David finally, after his wife had the baby, wrote Marie a letter telling her that he loved his wife and would not divorce her and broke off the affair between him and Marie. This was sometime in October.

David said that he would be willing to take a polygraph test. As far as David knows, Wayne never knew about this love affair between him (David) and Marie."

"3-31-64 David Sennholz took a polygraph test at Madison Wis. State Crime Lab. Joe Welnowsky gave the test & stated that other than what David has told the Sheriff's Dept. now, he knows nothing about the case. David does not know who killed Wayne Pratt nor did David have anything to do with Wayne Pratt's death." No further information.

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AUTHOR: EISCHEN, CHERILYN

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03/11/09 1324 HOURS CPT. C. EISCHEN W3

The following are statements/interviews with the Pratt family. The first two are from Clarence Pratt.

"Statement taken from Clarence Pratt

Stated that he and his wife Evelyn age 40 were at the American Legion Club, Neenah tonight to a party, his wife and himself left at about 1:05 a.m. and went to the Legion lot where they had their car parked. Mr. Pratt stated that as he was helping his wife get into the car he and his wife heard a voice say "Jack your next" stated it sounded like a young male voice and sounded like it came from around the back of the car. Their car was the only car there at the time and as the bartender Douglas Anderson had just pulled out leaving them alone in the parking lot at the time they heard this voice. We did not recognize this voice as anyone we have heard before. C. R. Pratt. Jack is not my nickname."

The following is another interview with Clarence Pratt on 06-21-63:

"Clarence Pratt

Clarence Pratt was interviewed 6-21-63 by Lt. Richard Guenther at the Neenah P.D. Mr. Pratt stated that he can recall no incidents in Wayne's childhood that disturbed Wayne to a real great degree. The money lending incident with Myron Pinch although it bothered him. it didn't to any great degree. His ex girl friend when they broke up it bothered him, but it didn't bother him so much when he went with Marie. After going with Marie for about a year & a half they were married as far as Mr. Pratt knows Wayne was never involved with the law for any reason. He worked at Bells Restaurant, Hills Station, the Soo Line, Gibson Motors, & the station, he was married then. This was 3 years ago. He borrowed \$400.00 to go into the business through a credit union, that was all paid back. When he went in business for himself he borrowed \$500.00 from a finance Co. out of Green Bay. That was 2 years ago. He borrowed \$100.00 from Mr. Pratt. He also borrowed \$600.00 from Mr. Webb, because he was about \$700.00 short in the inventory, & that is what the \$100.00 was for from Mr. Pratt. Mr. Pratt said that Wayne was paying back \$25.00 per month. Mr. Pratt helped him out from the time he started out there. Clarence worked part time & on week-ends & evenings. Clarence doesn't know who the Tom is that was supposed to have cashed worthless checks & wound up in trouble. Lee Quimby & Roger Tellock worked for Wayne, & although Wayne

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didn't talk much about it, he suspected that maybe Quimby took it. A couple of times he bawled them out for playing cards & drinking over when they should have been working. Ken Schroeder took off once & broke a hose, Wayne was a little mad at that, & mentioned it to his father, he didn't trust Schroeder, & Schroeder wanted to work for him but Wayne wouldn't hire him. Schroeder used to come in & go to the till to make change. Wayne said that he had heard that Bonnie from the motel was kind of fast, but Wayne never said anything that she ever made any advances to him, & Marie never said anything about it either. None of the other kid ever gave him any trouble. (insert from edge of page: over to court from Lannon in 1958. Was the case because Wayne had forged father's name). David Conger is the party seems that used to come out there quite a bit & they were good friends. Some musicians came in & wanted credit, but Wayne wouldn't give tem any credit but Clarence didn't recall of any trouble with them. He didn't have any big outstanding accounts. No worthless checks. Motorcycle riders came in but for the most part minded their own business. The people that purchased a dollars worth of gas were young people in their father's car, & were mostly local people. These 2-3 gallon sales do not seem guite right to Clarence, he can't recall ever selling \$1.10 worth of ethyl. Clarence doesn't know when the black car was removed or who moved it. It had to be towed away. Wayne didn't get along with John Pratt too well. John lives the time \* was no bad blood between them, but John is drunk most of the time \* was dirty & he just didn't want him around there & as far as Clarence knows John never went out there. Wayne was pretty attached to his mother & she went out there about 3 times a week. He just got lonesome & that is why he called his brother & sisters. He got along good with Marie they had their spats, but nothing unusual. Sometimes they would go to the Airport Tavern & have a few beers & shoot pool. Mostly stayed till closing time. He got along good with Marie's sisters & their husband. He didn't get along to well with Mr. Webb, because he would try to tell Wayne what to do, & did pretty much what he pleased as far as Wayne was concerned. Clarence overheard Wayne tell Mr. Webb to stay away from with a beer bottle, as Mr. Webb walked out to the pumps once with a bottle of beer. Mrs. Webb is a nice person, & never any trouble there. Wayne never talked to any women when out with Clarence. There was never any incident in the tavern that Clarence could recall that would have lead to anything like that. Last saw Wayne Sunday, he was in a good mood then, he n ever expressed any fear, nor told Clarence anything which lead him to believe there was anything wrong. Clarence doesn't know of any friend that he told his troubles. When he did have trouble he discussed it with his parents. On Wednesday Mr. Pratt was on vacation. He worked all day painting the house. was there, he had spent the night there. At about 6:30 p.m. Marie picked up ......... She was in a good mod, nothing unusual about her

On Wednesday Mr. Pratt was on vacation. He worked all day painting the house. was there, he had spent the night there. At about 6:30 p.m. Marie picked up She was in a good mod, nothing unusual about her manner. She picked up see a left. had a nap that afternoon. The phone was out of order & had been since Saturday night of the storm. At about 9:40 p.m. the officer came & took Clarence back to the station. When he got to the station he went into the house. He was going into the station, but they wouldn't let him in. After that he went into the back room of the station but didn't' touch anything. Mr. Piller came about 10:30 P.M. Marie called her father at about 10:00 P.M. Mr. Webb was there at the time. He was at his home she didn't have to locate him. She just called once. Mr. Piller wasn't called he just came there, & this was before Mr. Webb got there. Mr. Webb arrived about 10:30 P.M. Mr. Webb as far as Clarence knows was in the station but didn't go in the back room, because the officers wouldn't let him. Mr. Piller didn't go inside at all."

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The following interviews are with Mrs. Clarence (Evelyn) Pratt:

"Mrs. Clarence Pratt

Mrs. Clarence Pratt was interviewed 7-2-63 by Lt. Richard Guenther at her home She stated that she was very close to Wayne, & often talked to Wayne alone at the station, because when he was there & Wayne was gone he was lonesome & often called her to come down to the station. She feels that if he had any problems, that he would have told her first but she knew of no problems of a serious nature that Wayne had other than he didn't make much money Marie wasn't too happy about his not making too much money & often nagged him about it. Wayne had told his mother that Marie had been nagging him about it for about 6 months. She stated that besides this she knew of no problem that Marie & Wayne had. The last time she saw Wayne was the Sunday before, he was in a good mood because business was picking up. As to the people that were around the station Waynes brother & his mother said that a Eugene Lehr who is a relative had been around the station recently Eugene Lehr is the son of Margaret Pratt who is now Margaret Lehner & Lehner used to run a tavern on lower Main St. Also a David Conger was a good friend of Waynes & was trying to sell him some advertising on a stock car & may have been out there talking to Wayne shortly before ( a few days) this happened.

As to the day of June 12, 1963 Clarence Pratt was not working that day, & had been home all day painting the inside of the house with his son. He had just finished one room when the officer came to his house, & advised him that his son was hurt. Mrs. Pratt didn't know that Wayne was dead until some time later when Clarence came home & they told her."

Mrs. Clarence Pratt

Mrs. Clarence Pratt was interviewed 8-1-63 at her home by Lt. Richard Guenther. She stated that Raymond Marshes father did work with Clarence at the Soo Line railroad, but that Mr. Marsh had been dead for sometime, & she doubted if Wayne ever knew this March at any rate if he did Mrs. Pratt didn't know about it. As to Wayne's aunt Pearl her last name is Kloehn (?) & her husband's name is Charles. She did have some children taken away from her for neglect. Another sister of Clarence's (Laura) was married to Reinhold Kloehn. These people all live around but apparently Mrs. Pratt doesn't now much about them.

Mrs. Pratt then said that she had heard at Donna's wedding, but didn't know the name of the people that told her that they had gone by the station at about 8:40 P.M. & Marie's car was not there. Mrs. Pratt wondered weither Marie really was there or not. I advised her of the phone call that David Senholtz made to Marie at 7:45 P.M. & told her that he said that he had talked to both Wayne & Marie at that time. Mrs. Pratt went on to say that on the morning

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after Wayne's death that Marie came over to the house, & told Mrs. Pratt that Wayne was better off where he is because he worried too much. Marie also said that Wayne's Insurance would have run out Saturday. Mrs. Clarence Pratt said that actually Wayne & Marie were not getting along too well. She said that Marie wouldn't wear her wedding rings & this hurt Wayne, & he felt that Marie didn't love him anymore this was about 2 months ago. As far as Mrs. Pratt knows Marie went back to work some nights this was during the first part of May & went to her parents but usually was home early. On the Monday night before that Marie had picked up at about 9:00 P. M, and she had been to the doctors & Mrs. Pratt thought that a man named Dave had taken her to the doctors why she doesn't know. Mrs. Pratt also thought it curious that when Clarence got to the station that the ironing board was put away when she was supposed to have been ironing. When questioned about anyone stealing from the station she said that Wayne never told her about anyone stealing from the station. As to the missing money she felt that more than likely this was money used by Wayne & Marie for living expenses. She said that Donna had seen Marie go into the cash register till for grocery money & after that Marie would put in any money when she got gas. Also Wayne would take the money from the pop machine, & then had to buy the pop out of the cash register. This money he used to go out. Wayne occassionaly would give his father some gasoline when he worked for him. There things could account for why his till was running behind rather than theft. Mrs. Pratt also remarked about Marie's temper that she apparently got angry & had arguments with Wayne. On the Sunday night before when her & Clarence were at Waynes, that Marie & Wayne had had a argument before they got there but that it was patched up. She didn't know what the arguement was about, but didn't think it was anything major. She also said that Clarence had heard Mr. Webb say to his other son in law something about your rent. This was at the station after Wayne's death. There was one other thing that Mrs. Pratt thought strange that on the Sunday night before, that Marie had showed them a new black dress that she bought. It apparently was for Donna's wedding so Marie said, but when Wayne came into the house, she hid the dress so Wayne couldn't see it, & this is the dress she wore at Wayne's funeral."

The following is a telephone call received by Lt. Guenther from Clarence Pratt:

"Clarence Pratt called 8-5-63 & stated to Lt. Richard Guenther by telephone that a fellow worker of his had told him that about 2 weeks ago that he had pushed a car that had car trouble off the road this car was a 54 Pontiac white top & light blue body. This friend then gave the two occupants a ride into Fond du Lac to Service Motors. They were described as short #1 5'3" 23 - 148#, #2 was taller & was about 36. They said they were from Canada, & they had a lot of money. They said they had \$1100.00 in merchandise in the car. When they got to Fond du Lac the man showed them some cars in the 200-300 price range & they said they wanted to see something more expensive, like around the \$1000.00 or better car. Mr. Pratt said that as far as his friend knew the car was still there. The car is in a farmers field off highway 41. This was about 13 miles south of Fond du Lac that has 3 silos one of which was a international Harvester."

The following two are interviews done with Donna Pratt.

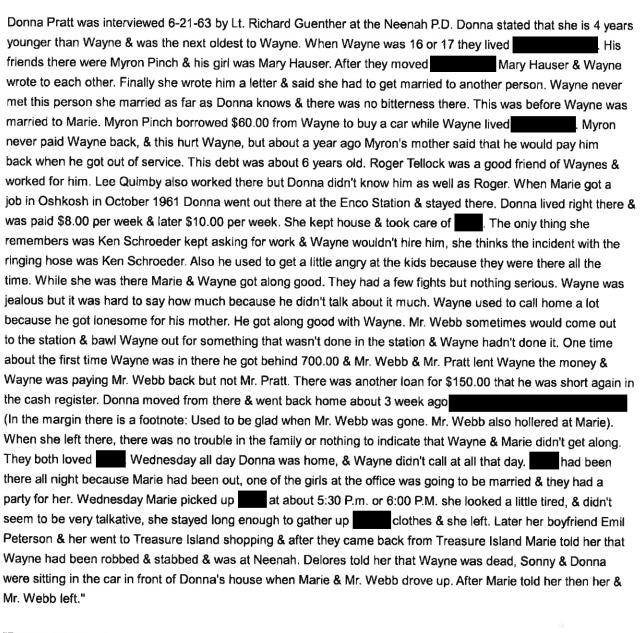
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Guenther. Donna stated that she lived with Wayne & Marie for a time at the house by the station. Donna said that Wayne & Marie were having problems before Wayne's death. Donna said that Marie wasn't wearing her wedding rings because of the excema on her hand & this bothered Wayne. Donna said that Marie told her that this Dave at work was always joking around with Marie & she liked it. Donna said the problems between Wayne & Marie were mostly over when Wayne wanted to go out & Marie wouldn't. More often then that though the problem was over money. They also argued about Mr. Webb's interference. Wayne liked to tease Marie, & Marie couldn't take it, & would get mad. On one occassion Marie got so mad at Wayne that she threw a fork at him but missed him. Marie also swore at Wayne from time to time & would call him a ass hole & a son of a bitch. Wayne liked to call Marie Hon, but apparently Marie didn't like to be called Hon, because when Wayne would say Hi Hon Marie wouldn't answer, & Wayne would go over to the station & stay there for awhile. Donna felt that the reason he went over there was because he was hurt by Marie's attitude toward him. On occasion Wayne would come up & pinch Marie & she would say to him, Damn you leave me alone. On one occassion before Donna's mother Marie told Wayne to go away, that her & could get along without him. As to the money shortage, the \$700.0 was living expenses, both Wayne & Marie were taking money out of the till, he apparently when they went out, & she for grocery money etc., also when she put gas in the car she never put any money in the till. When this \$700.00 shortage was, Marie told Wayne that if there was any more shortage in the till that she would leave him. When Wayne took out this last loan of \$125.00, he told Donna that it was because the till was short again & made Donna promise not to tell Marie because he was afraid that Marie would leave him if she found out about it. Marie would sometimes bring home new clothes & not tell Wayne about it. They also had bought a food plan recently, & had a charge account at Sears. Wayne would give Marie the paycheck to pay the bills but even after that the creditors would call up & ask for their money, but eventually Marie would pay them. Wayne also told Donna that he had 3 insurance policys & that the largest policy was about to expire on June 15th & that he wasn't going to renew it because he couldn't afford it. Marie didn't go out much, only once in awhile, & then she was usually home early. Donna also spoke about the incident with the telephone man at the Coe Agency which apparently Marie had told her about. When asked about other events at the station, the whole family was there Clarence & his wife they mentioned that a beer man used to stop there regularly at the station & he was from up north some place but he had a 2 ton truck. Clarence didn't know his name, but he bought Wayne's tool box for \$40.00 some months ago. Also the family felt that we could get Wayne's blood type at or from as Wayne from time to time had nose bleeds & had been at both hospitals for this. Wayne was never in service."

The following is an interview with Clarence & Mrs. Pratt:

"Clarence Pratt & Mrs. P. interviewed 10-8-63 by Lt. Guenther refer. complaint 10-8-63 of threat. Went to the American Legion Club at sometime around 6:00 P.M. stayed until 1:00 A.M. there was a legion meeting. No problems. After the meeting sat at the bar. No one from the station there, but knew most of the people there. Left when the bar closed. For the last half hour before this, were 3 of the bartender Douglas Anderson's brothers & their wifes & (?), & a man by the name of Rudy last name unknown was also there. All left together & they all walked ahead of Pratts because of her foot. The bartender was the last to leave. He got in the car at the same time as the Pratts. Clarence then walked around behind the car & heard a voice say Jack your next. The

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voice came from behind the building where a black car make & model unknown was parked. They saw no one there. Clarence got into the car & they both heard this. Doug was just pulling out when they heard this."

No further information.

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AUTHOR: MAKURAT, THOMAS

#### HOMICIDE

#### 03/11/09 0833 HOURS DET. T. MAKURAT W67

I contacted Karol Hanold in regards to this incident. As I was in the process of leaving a message for her, returning her phone call, she picked up the phone and advised she had just returned from vacation and she was just trying to catch up on some sleep. I apologized for waking her up and asked if there was any time I would be able to meet with her in regards to this incident.

Ms. Hanold advised me that there was nothing she could tell me. She said that her friend Judy had not told her anything in regards to this. She also advised that her friend had died in 2000. Ms. Hanold said that Judy had been married to William Doxtator and they had never discussed anything in regards to the Wayne Pratt investigation. Ms. Hanold said that Judy was her best friend and would have told her if there had been something to tell her but there was nothing said. She also relayed to me that there was an officer that had stopped at her bar which was the R K Corral or the Faro Springs Bar and had talked to her approx. 15 years ago. She was not exactly sure when the officer had talked to her.

Ms. Hanold said that Billy Doxtator had stopped in at the bar and talked to her for a while and someone else had contacted one of the cold case investigative lines and an officer came out and talked to her after that was mentioned that she was talking to William Doxtator. Ms. Hanold said that she had never been good friends with Billy Doxtator because she had maintained a close relationship with Judy Doxtator and whenever she was with Judy, she would never mention Billy because Judy Doxtator did not like her ex-husband and did not want anything to do with him.

I asked Ms. Hanold if she thought Billy did this or was involved in the homicide and she said that anyone could be capable of anything but she advised she believed that Billy Doxtator was in to more petty things. She described it as he was into petty stuff. She also said that she had been told by Judy Doxtator that there was a car like Billy's by the gas station and that is why Billy had been brought in to be talked to back in the original investigation. Ms. Hanold also told me that Billy had never said anything to her about the murder and she reiterated she had never heard anything from Billy or Judy Doxtator in regards to the murder or had no information in regards to anything that would link Billy Doxtator to the Wayne Pratt homicide. I advised Ms. Hanold if there was any other information, I would contact her. I did not know if there would be a need for it at this time but I said that if anything else came up I would call her back and she stated she understood but once again did not have any other information in regards to this homicide.

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AUTHOR: MAKURAT, THOMAS

HOMICIDE

03/16/09 1653 HOURS DET. T. MAKURAT W67

I arrived at where I met with Kelly R. Long, in reference to this investigation. I advised Mr. Long that I was investigating a homicide from 1963 and that his name had been mentioned in a Crime Stoppers tip. I told Mr. Long that it had been mentioned that he had overheard a Gary Geiger and a friend by the name of Wismer talking about the homicide. Mr. Long said he was very good friends with Gary Geiger and the person by the name of Wismer would have been Gary Wismer, who was also friends with Gary Geiger.

Mr. Long said he had heard years ago from a Dave Wollerman that Gary Geiger had been questioned in regards to the Pratt homicide. Mr. Long said Dave Wollerman had died a few years ago but did state that his father had been the Chief of Police for the Town of Menasha and that was how that information had been brought about. Later in the interview, Mr. Long thought that they had been a car show at the Valley Fair Mall in the township of Menasha and it was brought up at this time because of the '57 Ford that Mr. Geiger owned, which had been modified. Mr. Long said the car owned by Gary Geiger was a '57 Ford and the '57 Fords had fins. Mr. Geiger had modified his car by removing those fins. There was also someone else, a Gary Wismer, who had removed the fins from his '57 Ford and that was a unique modification for back then. That had been brought up and it was mentioned that Mr. Geiger had been talked to because of the unique vehicle he had.

Mr. Long told me that he spent quite a bit of time with Mr. Geiger. He said he started at Geiger Auto Body in 1978 and was Shop Foreman at Geiger Auto Body for a few years. He said he spent quite a lot of time with Gary Geiger drinking and in bars. They became quite close and were good friends. Mr. Long also put the history that his reason for leaving Geiger Auto Body was to prevent his marriage from dissolving, due to the fact that he spent quite a bit of time in the bars drinking with Gary Geiger. Mr. Long also said that Gary Wismer was a friend of Gary Geiger's and that Gary Wismer worked at Bergstrom Auto and was in the body shop there. Mr. Long also said that John Bergstrom was very good friends with Gary Geiger and would do whatever it took to protect Mr. Geiger if there was any information to this.

In talking with Mr. Long, he said he had never heard directly from Mr. Geiger of any involvement in the Pratt homicide. There had never been any talk of it at all. He had never overheard Gary Wismer and Gary Geiger talking about the homicide, it had just been brought up in the past that they were questioned in regards to it, but there was no other information that he was aware of. Mr. Long also said that he believed some of the rumors going around in regards to Gary Geiger being involved in this homicide were because of a lot of people disliked Gary

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Geiger because he was good friends with John Bergstrom and was successful, also the fact that he was a womanizer possibly and considered himself, as Mr. Long put it, "a player" and considered himself very good looking, especially in his younger days. Mr. Long also talked about Mr. Geiger being younger, possibly 16 or 17 when this had happened. I advised that he had graduated from high school in 1965 and 16 or 17 would have been about the time that this homicide would have taken place.

Mr. Long further went on to state that Gary Geiger had started at Main Auto Body when he had been caught stealing some parts and the owners of Main Auto Body were going to require him to work for them to pay off the theft of the parts and that was how Mr. Geiger had started in auto body. Mr. Long also said that Gary Geiger was a fanatic about Corvettes.

In further talking about Gary Geiger, Mr. Long said he had never known Gary Geiger to have any violent streaks in him. He said he had never seen any fighting. Mr. Long even called Gary Geiger somewhat of a coward, stating that in a bar fight, he would not be involved. Mr. Long said he had protected Gary Geiger in bar fights or fought for Mr. Geiger in bar fights. Mr. Long said he had never seen any aggression from Mr. Geiger and did not think he would be involved in this, due to the possibility of any violence being involved. Mr. Long indicated that he believed Mr. Pratt had been killed with a shovel. I did not indicate any other types of means of death, other than telling him there was something besides being struck in the head with a shovel.

At one point during the interview, Mr. Long's brother came in to the room where we were talking. Mr. Long advised his brother that I was there to question him about the Gary Geiger incident involving the Pratt homicide. Mr. Long had told me that his brother, Jamie, had heard some information or some rumors going around Menasha or Neenah in regards to that. We also discussed the fact that there had been an article in the newspaper within the last few years in regards to the cold case and this being an unsolved homicide. Mr. Long's brother, Jamie, said that there had been talk about Gary Geiger being questioned about it, but that there was nothing else in regards to it.

I thanked Mr. Long for taking the time to meet with me and advised him if I had any other questions in regards to this, I would contact him. Mr. Long said that would be fine, but stated that he had no other information or direct knowledge of Gary Geiger or Gary Wismer being involved in this homicide at all.

The interview was recorded and was downloaded and stored according to policy.

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AUTHOR: BELLIN, JEFFREY

**HOMICIDE** 

#### 05/20/10 1345 HOURS DET. J. BELLIN W62

I had received in my mailbox a printed out message or note that was addressed to Steve. The date on it is 05/18 /10 and the time of 10:45 p.m. The note or information is as follows:

"Steve, I received a call from Scott T. Frederick He called,
saying he was thinking about something that happened 45 to 50 years ago. He said there was a gas station
employee who was shot and killed somewhere along HY 41 by the Oshkosh area. He thinks his father did it. His
father is Thomas W. Frederick, born possibly in 1921. Father has since passed away. He says as a kid his father
would drive by the gas station 5 or 6 times and tell him an employee had been killed. He also advised his father
moved in 1971. His mother committed suicide He and his siblings think his father had
something to do with the suicide. He doesn't want a call back. He told me he could never call in the day time
because in the evening he would have some drinks and felt better about calling. He also said he didn't call the
Sheriff's Dept. because he likes our chief. Just a little info. for you.
Thanks,
Lisa"

On the bottom of this piece of paper a handwritten note by Cpt. Verwiel had Wayne Pratt underlined and he asked that I see Cherilyn Eischen reference this. I will need to follow the lead and interview this guy.

With this information I made contact with Cpt. Eischen who was quite familiar with the Wayne Pratt unsolved homicide. I showed Cpt. Eischen the message and information from Cpt. Verwiel and the typed information regarding Scott Frederick. Cpt. Eischen read it and I told Cpt. Eischen it seems as though Wayne Pratt was stabbed numerous times and bludgeoned by a shovel and was never shot and killed. He had succumbed to death from these other injuries. Cpt. Eischen agreed however, further conversation was this person should be interviewed to see if there is other relevant information. She asked that I contact Scott Frederick to set up an appointment that she would also attend. She asked that it be made in the afternoon hours sometime this upcoming week of 05/24/10. I told Cpt. Eischen that I would do some research surrounding this and later in the evening I would attempt to contact Scott Frederick at the phone number listed.

After leaving Cpt. Eischen's office I looked at the index cards that were maintained by the Sheriff's Office a considerable time ago. These index cards identify individuals that have had contact with the Sheriff's Office in some form or fashion. I did find an index card bearing the name of Scott T. Frederick where it shows 6

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contacts with him. I am not familiar with the codes that were used at the time and the reason for the contact. It should still be available on the microfiche reels that are still maintained by the Sheriff's Office. In any event the contacts with Scott Frederick, there were two on 07/05/63. The numbers associated with these contacts is Q1604CR and Q1605CR. The next entry is 08/09/64. The incident number is Y840CR. The next entry is listed as /08/64. The incident is documented under the number Y851CR. The next entry on the card is listed as 08/17/64 and the incident is Y852CR and the final entry is listed as 01/22/65 and the number associated with this event is

As stated earlier without looking at the microfiche containing these incidents it is unknown what the situation was about. I also checked for Thomas W. Frederick. There was no listing for that name. I returned to my office where I had consulted a program called Accurant where I tried querying the name of Scott Frederick to see if that would reveal any relatives. There was nothing that I had discovered through this report that indicated any type of relative named Thomas Frederick. I used the same program and queried Thomas Frederick through Wisconsin, There was no record for this. I queried Thomas Frederick in Arizona and had learned a possible birthday for Thomas

With this information I tried running Thomas through Arizona and Wisconsin DOT files and on both accounts there was no record of this individual. At this point I am not certain if this is valid information surrounding Thomas Frederick.

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left a voicemail message and identified who I was and the reason for calling and asked if Scott could call me before 2200 hours. At 2130 hours I was informed by dispatch that Scott Frederick had called the dispatch center indicating that he had received a call from a detective but could not remember the name nor the telephone number. I immediately called Scott Frederick back and he did answer the phone. I told him who I was and the reason for the call.

I asked if he would be available for an interview sometime next week perhaps in the afternoon hours. Scott said that he was retired and that he was around home quite regularly and thought that one day next week in the afternoon would be fine. Scott did get off on a tangent in as much as his wife would yell at him for making phone calls late in the evening after he had been drinking and that she frowned on this type of behavior. Scott asked perhaps if a meeting could be set up for the morning hours, that his wife would be at work and I told him that would probably work out, that I would call him on Tuesday morning and set up an appointment for perhaps Wednesday or Thursday morning of the week of the 24th. Scott was concerned as to what type of vehicle that I was driving because he did not want the neighbors to get suspicious or cause any problems in the neighborhood if a fully marked police car was in his driveway. I told Scott that I have an unmarked car that is very inconspicuous and again I would call him Tuesday morning to set up an appointment which was acceptable to Scott.

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I did notify Cpt. Eischen of the results of the telephone call, indicating that I would be making an appointment with Scott sometime in the morning of the upcoming week and if there were any conflicts with her schedule to let me know. As of this dictation there are not any conflicts that I am aware of with Cpt. Eischen's schedule although I would personally speak with her on Monday 05/24/10. No further information.

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP010 - BELLIN - 05/26/10

AUTHOR: BELLIN, JEFFREY

HOMICIDE

05/26/10 10:00 HOURS DET. J. BELLIN W62

Cpt. Eischen W3 and I arrived at where we made contact with Scott T. Frederick. of this same address. We were there to interview Scott in reference to the information he provided to the Neenah PD on 5/18/10 at 10:45 PM after he had been drinking.

We started by asking Scott some background of his father who he identified as Thomas Frederick. He was not exactly sure on the birth date, however, he believes that his father was a heroin addict. Scott said that his father would send him to, what is believed to be where Thomas' mother, identified as Zella who worked as a nurse at Scott was sent there by his father, Thomas, to obtain a package from Zella who would have been or is Scott's grandmother. Scott said his father, Thomas, died approximately 25 years ago and was buried in the cemetery by the MotoMart in Neenah.

We asked Scott what type of jobs his father had and he said he worked at Banta on Midway Rd. until he was fired and had jobs on and off. Scott claimed his father was an alcoholic and there were numerous male individuals around the house for, sometimes, extended periods of time where he never knew these person's names, nor if they worked or not but knew of them as his father's drinking buddies. Scott also said his father would take him along when he would travel to numerous taverns throughout the Valley to include Little Chute and perhaps even Fond du Lac and that there were others that lived in the Omro trailer park.

Scott further stated that there were some relatives, identified as Doris Schmanske and Dick Schmanske who owned and operated the Club Tavern in Menasha where his father was not welcome.

We asked Scott what kind of vehicle his father would have had around about this time period and he thought it was either a 1959 or 1960 Plymouth Fury, red in color.

When Scott was asked about the incident, he stated that he only recalled certain parts and it almost seemed like a dream to him. Scott further indicated that there was a gas station south of Oshkosh where perhaps this had taken place where he remembers seeing a male individual flying through the air backwards. Scott surmised that this may have been caused by a shotgun blast. I asked Scott what they would be doing down in this area, heading towards Fond du Lac and Scott could not think of any reason why as there were no relatives that were living sough of Oshkosh in the Fond du Lac area that would cause them to be in this area. Scott further stated that after the incident, he recalls driving on some country roads which would be headed towards the Omro area, where

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he believes at a 4-way intersection, there was a police road block set up. Scott remembers his father telling him to keep his mouth shut and to lay down in the back seat and that the police officers would realize that there was a young kid in the car and allow them through the road block.

As I was talking to Scott, I knew that there was a Consolidated Gas Station at Ripple/HY 41 southbound where, many years ago, one could access the gas station from HY 41 and the next crossroads would be Ripple/Clay ot

Rd. which would be a 4-way intersection and eventually, heading west, one could find their way to Omro. I was no aware of any gas station attendants that were murdered at this particular Consolidated Gas Station. In any event we listened to Scott explain other sequence of events.
I asked Scott when he graduated from High School, what he had done. He said that it was probably in 1970 or 1971 that his parents and family moved out to and eventually ended up in Scott stated he lived with his aunt, shortly after graduation and his aunt lived Scott did not give the name of his aunt
Scott said when the family moved back to that is where they lived for an undetermined amount of time. At one point, prior to the family leaving for Scott indicated they lived in a house on west of HY 41. At this point Cpt. Eischen started asking questions about the Embassy Motor Lodge and Scott said he was familiar with it. Scott had learned that when his father was working 3trd shift, that for a week period of time, he would claim to be working, although, found out later on, that his father had rented a room at the Embassy Motor Lodge and it is unknown what had transpired during this week hiatus at the Embassy Motor Lodge.
When Cpt. Eischen asked Scott if he was familiar with the name of Frank Fry, Scott somewhat hesitated and said he did not know the name or was not familiar with it when Cpt. Eischen mentioned the name Wayne Pratt, he immediately said no, he did not recognize the name. This seemed somewhat suspicious in as much as the story that Scott was telling, seemed to fit more of the aspects of the Frank Fry homicide than the Wayne Pratt homicide of the gas station owner at HY 45/HY 41.
We asked Scott if he could recall what time of the year this was or if there was any special events or things that would cause him to remember when this happened. Scott said he could not recall when this was, other than approximately 45 - 50 years ago.
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I asked Scott how his father died and he said it was probably alcohol related,
Scott reiterated that his father was buried in the cemetery just west of MotoMart in the City of Neenah
Scott said he was buried next to his mother, identified as Zella Frederick. Scott said recently, he had been talking
to a sibling identified as Matthew Frederick that lives and that he would be about 42 years of age or
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Scott also indicated that he had other siblings by the name of Paul, Mark, Brad and Pam and lived
area, but has not had contact with any of his siblings for a considerable amount of time.
Scott said his mother, identified as Marilyn Frederick. She has a brother by the name of Jim Paschke and thought that he lived Scott said when he and his father would stop at taverns, more often than not, Scott would end up driving home, as his father was too intoxicated to drive. Scott said that he knew that his father owned a .12 ga. pump shotgun from probably 1959 - 1964 or so and in 1969, he believed that his father had a brown 1963 Chevrolet Belaire.
I asked Scott that once the family moved area for any reason during the 3 year period. Scott stated that he does not believe so.
Although the information that Scott was providing was very fragmented, at one juncture, it indicates that he said his family moved to in August of 1969 which would have been shortly after his graduation, but in the information that he provided Neenah PD is that they moved to in 1971.
There is some information from this interview that should be looked into and it is unclear at this point, what Scott's reason is for divulging this information at such a late point in time.
Both myself and Cpt. Eischen provided business cards to Scott that if he could remember any other information that he could either contact myself or Cpt. Eischen at the Sheriff's Ofc
I should note that the interview was digitally recorded and once I returned to the Sheriff's Ofc., the interview was downloaded into the CIMM computer per division policy.
No further information
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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP011 - BRAMAN - 04/30/13 AUTHOR: BRAMAN, CHRISTOPHER

#### HOMICIDE

#### 04/30/13 1300 HOURS DET. SGT. C. BRAMAN W67

For approx, the last month or so myself and evidence coordinator Krapf W202 had been reviewing the Wayne Pratt homicide case under Winnebago Co. incident #63-255. We have been going through the case box and having reports transcribed and transferred over to the current in-house system. Additionally, we had begun looking at potential evidential items that could be sent to the Wis. State Crime Lab for DNA profiling.

On 04/30/13 I began looking through the actual evidence. Began by looking at a shovel that 1963 reports had indicated had a bloody thumbprint and potential blood on the shovel head. The shovel head, shovel handle, the outer shirt that Wayne Pratt had been wearing at the time he was stabbed, a wallet that had been found on his person, were all removed from packaging and photographed.

It should be noted that the shovel handle was removed from a cardboard box that contained Styrofoam shipping peanuts. It did have the original evidence tag on it. The wallet and its contents were removed from a manila envelope, that was marked, wallet removed from body of Wayne Pratt by Westgor Funeral Home, turned over to Lt. Richard Guenther at 1 a.m. on 06/13/1963.

After photographing the shovel handle and shovel head, they were re-packaged in cardboard boxes. The wallet and its contents were returned to the original manila envelope. The shirt was temporarily packaged in paper. It had been removed from a heat sealed plastic bag. It was around this period that evidence coordinator Krapf and I were able to make phone contact with Wilbur Fuller Wilbur Fuller was one of the original investigators working for the Winnebago Co. Sheriff's Office in 1963 that investigated the Pratt homicide.

In speaking with Mr. Fuller, he stated he had assisted Richard Guenther with the investigation. He stated they originally had focused on Marie Pratt as a likely suspect for this homicide due to the number of wounds and the fact that the body was covered up, but Fuller additionally stated that he had obtained a confession regarding this homicide. We had not located that information in the case file to that point. He indicated there is a statement in this file from a William Russell Merrill, the statement taken by Fuller at, he believed in Waupun at the Wis. State Prison in which William Russell Merrill admitted that he had stabbed Wayne Pratt. Mr. Fuller further stated that charges were never filed against William Russell Merrill because the district attorney and the Sheriff at the time believed that William Russell Merrill's information was provided in hopes he would be moved to the Wis. state hospital and his time would be easier.

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Fuller further stated that William Russell Merrill stated he had hid the knife at a residence

They had a done a search warrant at the residence and had not been able to locate the knife. Further questioning, William Russell Merrill's credibility. Fuller stated after (he was unsure of the time, a few years later) that William Russell Merrill was released from the state prison system, Fuller had attempted to speak with him about the Pratt homicide and Merrill declined to talk with him. Fuller had asked him why he had confessed back in 1963 and Merrill said it seemed like the right thing to do at the time. We advised Fuller that now with current DNA testing, that we would be re-submitting evidence collected back in 1963. Fuller believed that during the initial crime lab testing that they had located two different blood types on one of the pieces of evidence and that he was not 100% certain on which piece of evidence that was but was certain that there were two different types of blood located at the scene.

Former investigator Fuller indicated that if we had further questions regarding the case that we should feel free to contact him.

#### 05/02/13 1500 HOURS DET, SGT, C. BRAMAN W67

I along with Det. Quick W69 brought the outer shirt that Wayne Pratt had been wearing at the time of his death, out and further photographed this shirt with a high resolution camera and better lighting. The shirt was then returned to the paper bag and sealed.

On 06/05/13 myself and evidence coordinator Krapf once again brought out the evidence for this case. At this point we opened up the heat sealed plastic bag that contained the pants Wayne Pratt had been wearing at the time of his death. Those were photographed, re-packaged in paper. Additionally, Wayne Pratt's boots were removed from paper bags, photographed and placed in paper bags and sealed. Finally, a blanket that had been used to cover Wayne Pratt's body was removed from the heat sealed plastic bag that had been packaged in and was photographed and then re-packaged.

The following items were packaged, prepared and eventually transported to the lab by Off. Peters W31 and Off. Ollinger W47.

Item #1 - Dark blue button down short sleeve shirt that had been considered the outer shirt worn by Wayne Pratt at the time of the homicide

Item #2 - Standard hair sample from the deceased, Wayne Pratt

Item #3 - Shovel handle

Item #4 - Multicolored blanket

Item #5 - Gray colored pants

Item #6 - Tan colored left work boot

Item #7 - Tan colored right work boot

Item #8 - Metal shovel head

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Those items are currently at the Wisconsin State Crime Lab.

It should be noted that prior to packaging and sealing the dark blue outer button up shirt, I located what appeared to be hair-like items on the shirt. Several of these were collected and placed in plastic tubes and then secured in evidence. At approx. the time that these items were being packaged and shipped to the crime lab, I was attempting to make contact with
was the son of Marie and Wayne Pratt who had been approximately
2 years old at the time of the homicide. I was attempting to contact as his was the only contact information I had for family of Wayne Pratt. I wanted to notify the family that the case was currently being investigated again and update him on the progress of the case. I left several phone messages for these phone calls and left return messages. The second message he left, he inquired whether the phone calls were related to his father's homicide. I left another message with indicating that I wished to speak with him reference his father's homicide and to this point, has not returned any further calls. I left several other voicemails with him in an attempt to contact him reference an update on where the case currently stands.
I am also attempting to locate current contact information for Marie Pratt to advise her of the case status. No further information.
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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP012 - BRAMAN - 06/12/13 AUTHOR: BRAMAN, CHRISTOPHER

**HOMICIDE** 

06/12/13 1100 HOURS DET. SGT. C. BRAMAN W67
On 06/12/13 myself and Evidence Coordinator Krapf W202 arrived at reference the Pratt homicide from 1963. We were at this residence with the intention of speaking to the deceased's Wayne Pratt's sister Donna J. Pedersen

In 1963, Donna Pedersen was Donna Pratt, her maiden name and she had lived with Wayne and Marie Pratt at the house next to the Enco station which was along HY 41 N/B near, at that time, HY 45. Even from the initial report there is no specific address listed for this residence however, according to statements taken back in 1963, Donna Pratt had stayed at the residence to take care of Wayne and Marie Pratt's son who was approx. 1-2 years old at that time.

We were able to make contact at the residence with a female who identified herself as Donna Pedersen. I identified myself as a Sheriff's Detective and identified Evidence Coordinator Krapf. Donna Pedersen asked us to come inside the residence to speak with her. I advised her that we wanted to speak with her in reference to her brother's homicide. Ms. Pedersen seemed surprised that is why we were at the residence to speak with her. She stated she had not spoken of it in quite a long time.

I began by talking with Donna reference other individual's named in this incident. I asked her if she had kept in contact with Marie Pratt and she stated she did not. She stated that they had had contact with the son for a while after the incident but had since lost contact. During our discussion of Marie Pratt, Donna Pedersen stated that her family as well as Marie Pratt's family all believed that Marie Pratt was somehow involved in her brother Wayne's murder. She did not have specific information to support this. She did state that during the time she was staying with them, she believed that Marie Pratt was having an affair and she stated that Wayne was aware that Marie was having an affair but did not do anything. She specifically talked about a time when Marie was not home and they did not know where she was and Donna had told Wayne that he should call around for her, to find out where she was at and he, being Wayne, stated that he didn't care.

According to Donna, Marie Pratt kept late hours. She was aware that she was working but stated she would be gone all day and late into the evening. This occurred when Donna Pedersen was staying with the Pratts which was in 1963. She further commented on her reference to Marie's family, believing that Marie was involved in the homicide. She stated that Mr. Webb, who would be Marie Pratt's father had told Wayne's family that the husband

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came to the Webb residence wanting to pursue a relationship of the woman who was murdered with Marie. Mr. Webb is long since deceased and this information appears to be at minimum, second hand and is unclear how Mr. Webb would have known Marvin Kilsdonk. Donna Pedersen confirmed some of the information that is already in the case reports, that she had moved out of Wayne and Marie's residence a few weeks prior to the homicide and that she was suppose to be married the weekend following Wayne's homicide.

We went back and spoke further about Marvin and Florence Kilsdonk. Florence Kilsdonk was a murder victim an Outagamie Co. case from December of 1963. She was also stabbed numerous times in her residence. Donna Pedersen stated she had not heard the name Florence Kilsdonk prior to her murder and her information being in the media. We talked about possible connections between Florence Kilsdonk and Wayne Pratt. Donna Pedersen stated that they moved around a lot, when she was younger. She believed that Wayne went to Fond du Lac H.S. but they also lived in

Donna did not have any direct information regarding Wayne potentially having an affair with anyone. Donna further stated that since her brother's murder, that they had not had police contact that she can recall sine the initial interviews were done in 1963 and 1964. As far as she is aware no one in her family has been contacted by the Sheriff's Office reference this investigation and she is not aware of any of her family members receiving any type of tip or other information that would be helpful in solving this case.

I continued to speak with Donna reference her beliefs that Marie Pratt was involved in her brother's death. She attributed this to the fact that Marie was having an affair and eventually acknowledged the affair. She also stated that Marie began dating and remarried very quickly after Wayne's death and they felt that she received a large sum of money from insurance for Wayne's death. Donna believed that Marie had received over \$100,000 after Wayne's murder.

It should be noted the information that I have seen reference insurance, indicated that Marie received far less than that, potentially \$17,000 - \$20,000 in insurance. Donna told myself and Evidence Coordinator Krapf that Marie had not maintained contact with either her family or her own family. She felt, because everyone in the families believed that Marie was involved in the murder and Marie was aware of this.

I asked Donna if she felt like there were any other suspects in her mind that could have been involved in the homicide of her brother and she stated the only person she had ever associated with was Marie. I asked Donna if she would be willing to speak with us again at a different point in the investigation and she stated we could talk with her anytime. Donna was very cooperative throughout our interview and seemed to have a fair recollection of names and corresponding dates reference this case. I provided my business card as well as contact information for Evidence Coordinator Krapf and we cleared from our interview with Donna Pedersen.

It should be noted that Evidence Coordinator Krapf had been in contact with Det. Sgt. Hammen of Outagamie Co. Sheriff's Office reference the Florence Kilsdonk homicide. We spoke with him again on 07/17/13 to set an

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appointment to view the Florence Kilsdonk homicide file. There were two references to the Kilsdonks in the Pratt homicide case, reference Marvin and Florence Kilsdonk. The first is dated 03/17/64 and is referenced in this Sheriff's Dept. incident under Kenneth Paulson Interview. This indicated that Mr. Kenneth Paulson and Mrs. the tip, was that Wayne Pratt used to a go with the woman that got stabbed and it also indicated that at one time, Kilsdonk, and this must be reference Marvin Kilsdonk had been confined when he was younger. It further stated all the neighbors were afraid to say anything as they were scared of Marvin Kilsdonk.

A second reference to the Kilsdonk homicide in the Pratt file was dated 08/21/64. This is an interview with Marvin Kilsdonk by Lt. Richard Guenther and a Captain from Menasha PD. In this interview with Marvin Kilsdonk the officers speak to him reference rumors that he had been seeing Mrs. Pratt either before or after Wayne's death. Marvin apparently denied any knowledge of those rumors and denied having been seeing Mrs. Pratt or even knowing the Pratt family.

A third reference in the Pratt file that is associating with the Kilsdonk file was that Florence Kilsdonk funeral list was included in the Pratt case file. In looking at this list, I did not find any names that are associated earlier in the Pratt file but it should be noted that the list was in the Pratt file.

#### 06/19/13 0900 HOURS DET. SGT. C. BRAMAN W67

Myself and Evidence Coordinator Krapf went to the Outagamie Co. Sheriff's Office where we met with Det. Sqt. Hammen. He allowed us access to their files on the Florence Kilsdonk homicide. We were able to view autopsy photos of Florence.

Additionally, Marvin Kilsdonk had a milk route that included the Neenah/Menasha and Oshkosh areas. It is unclear whether Kilsdonk would have delivered milk to the Pratt family.

At the time of Wayne's death in June 1963, Florence Kilsdonk was pregnant. She delivered some time after Wayne's death and prior to her homicide in December 1963.

Det. Sgt. Hammen indicated that if we needed to view this file again to contact

him and he would make it available to us.

No further information at this time.

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP013 - QUICK - 07/26/13

AUTHOR: QUICK, CRAIG

AUTHOR. QUICK, CRAIG
HOMICIDE
07/26/13 1300 HOURS DET. C. QUICK W69  Myself and Det. Sgt. C. Braman W67 arrived at where we met with Jerry H. Doemel
I had recalled an incident with Mr. Doemel on 06/12/07. At that time I was working as a patrol officer and investigated a suspicious incident reported by Mr. Doemel. During the course of that discussion with Mr. Doemel at that time, he mentioned that he had lived on an in the 1970's. I recalled that he described his home on, and that it was one of two houses built very close together. A piece of land that used to be his farm. With that information in mind, and knowing that it was in close proximity to the homicide being investigated, Det. Sgt. Braman and I decided to speak with Mr. Doemel.
In speaking with Mr. Doemel, he seemed very sharp and alert. He explained he was 81 years old and that he had not lived at that residence for a very long time. He told us that he did remember Wayne Pratt, as an individual who he used to sell eggs to. Mr. Doemel explained that the word on the street at the time was that the killer(s) had come through the woods and murdered Mr. Pratt in the gas station. Jerry Doemel did not have any other real information regarding the incident other than saying that he remembered it and said that we should talk to Jerry Schroeder, who is an individual that lived at the time of the homicide. Mr. Doemel believed that Mr. Schroeder was closer in age to Mr. Pratt and may have had some type of a more friendly relationship than Mr. Doemel did. Jerry Doemel also recommended that we talk to his brother Herbert Doemel, who is 7 years younger than Jerry and may have had more of a social relationship with Wayne Pratt.
Mr. Doemel agreed to talk to his oldest children who were closer in age to Wayne Pratt than he was and to see if they had an recollection of things at the time of the incident. I provided Mr. Doemel with my business card containing my name and badge number and the complaint number and told him to call me any other information.
Subsequent to our meeting with Mr. Doemel, Det. Sgt. Braman and I went to Folklore LLC, Antique and Gift Mall which is located at 582 N. Main St. in the city of Oshkosh. There we met with Kevin D. Quest

Our reason for speaking with Mr. Quest was because at some point in time, Mr. Quest had sent a letter to the Winnebago Co. Sheriff's Office, detailing his psychic evaluation of this homicide. There was no other detail listed

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in the reports on Mr. Quest's participation or level of knowledge of the case. We met with Mr. Quest who told us that he had been contacted by Marie Pratt some time ago and that he had done a psychic reading with her. He indicated that Marie had brought a lighter that she claimed belonged to Wayne Pratt. Ultimately Mr. Quest said his psychic reading led him to the belief that Marie Pratt was involved in the homicide or somehow responsible for the homicide of Wayne Pratt. Mr. Quest also informed us that he had been in contact with an investigator from the Winnebago Co. Sheriff's Office at some point and time. He described the investigator as a female with blonde hair. We did believe that to be retired Capt. Cherilyn Eischen. Mr. Quest offered his assistance in any way possible and he ended the conversation by advising us that since the first reading, his psychic abilities had increased exponentially and he would be very excited to participate again. No further information.

Det. C. Quick W69 Lc 08-19-13

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP014 - KRAPF - 06/06/13

AUTHOR: KRAPF, ROCHELLE

#### **HOMICIDE**

#### 06/06/13 R. KRAPF W202

This is an unsolved homicide case, which has recently been re-opened for review. Several items of evidence have been chosen to be submitted to the WI Crime Lab to be analyzed for DNA. Those items are as follows: 1-Dark blue shirt, 2 - Standard hair sample from deceased, 3- Shovel Handle, 4 - Multi-colored blanket, 5 - Grey colored pants, 6 - Tan colored boot (left), 7 - Tan colored boot (right), 8 - Metal Shovel Head and 9 - CD containing photos of this evidence.

On 06/06/13, I delivered these items in person to the WI Crime Lab. Hailey Bradford took possession of these items at 1058. The Crime Lab Case number is M63-8907, which is the original case number used by the Crime Lab in 1963. The items were identified as follows: 1 (V), 2 (X), 3 (AB), 4 (J), 5 (U), 6 (Q2), 7 (Q1), 8 (AC) and 9 (AD).

On 08/07/13, I received a corrected Receipt of Physical Evidence, which included all of the extracts from the various pieces of evidence. Two items had their identifier changed, they are as follows: Item 8 was originally identified as (AC), it is now identified as (AB2), 9 was originally identified as (AD), it is now identified as (AG).

The Confidential Report of Laboratory Findings Form was completed on 08/08/13 and corrected on 10/17/13. The only change being that an additional sentence was added.

The hair standards (2 or X) were visually examined only and were not selected for further analysis.

A presumptive test indicated the possible presence of blood on both sides of the blanket (4 or J), trousers (5 or U) and shirt (1 or V).

Blood was not detected on the either boot (6/7 or Q1/Q2), shovel handle (3 or AB) or shovel head (8 or AB2). The boots and shovel head were not selected for further analysis.

Apparent hairs and fibers were collected from the blanket and shirt; however, they were not selected for further analysis.

DNA isolation was attempted from the swabbings of the shovel handle (3 or AB) and the cuttings from both sides of the blanket (4 or J), designated as J1, J4, J7, J8, J11, J13-J18, J21, J22, J24 and J39. Due to the limited amount or lack of human DNA detected, no further analysis was performed.

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Human DNA was isolated from the cuttings from both sides of the blanket (4 or J), designated as J2, J3, J5, J6, J9, J10, J12, J19, J20, J23, J25-J30, J31-J38, J40-J44, the cutting from the trousers (5 or U), designated as U1, and the cutting from the shirt (1 or V), designated as V1. The cuttings from the brown side of the blanket (J25-30, J32 and J42), were not selected for further analysis.

An STR profile was not detected from the cuttings from the blanket, designated as J3, J5 and J10. One genetic type was detected from J2 and three genetic types were detected from J6, no further conclusions will be made regarding these genetic types. It should be noted that I did contact the Crime Lab and asked them to further explain what is meant by the term genetic type. They said 15 genetic types are needed for a full DNA profile, these cuttings had only one or three, respectively.

A single source male STR DNA profile was detected for the cutting of the trousers, designate as U1. This profile will be assumed to be that of the victim/deceased, Wayne Pratt and will be used for comparison purposed of the standard from Wayne Pratt.

Similar partial, single source male STR DNA profiles were detected from cuttings of the blanket, designated as J19, J20, J23, J35 and J36. In comparing this partial DNA profile, to that of the standard of Wayne Pratt (U1), it is found to be inconclusive.

Similar partial, single source male STR DNA profiles were detected from the cuttings of the blanket, designated as J9, J12, J31, J33, J34, J37, J38, J40, J41, J43, J44 and the cutting from the shirt, designated as V1. No genetic types foreign to the standard of Wayne Pratt (U1) were observed in these profiles.

A copy of the Crime Lab Findings was given to Sgt. Braman for his review.

It should be noted that I did have phone contact with Olga Spichenok, the DNA Analyst that worked this case, regarding clarification on the findings. She advised that all samples were severely degraded and that it had been extremely difficult to get the full profile for Wayne Pratt (U1). I asked her if blood typing would be of any benefit. She replied that WI Crime Lab no longer does blood typing and that it would be just as difficult to get blood typing as it was DNA. She did suggest that we could seek out a lab that has Mini-Filer, which is DNA testing that targets severely degraded DNA.

All Crime Lab and Certified Mail paperwork were placed in Central Records.

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP015 - KRAPF - 08/09/13

AUTHOR: KRAPF, ROCHELLE

#### HOMICIDE

#### 08/09/13 R. KRAPF W202

This is an unsolved homicide case, which had recently been re-opened for review. Several items of evidence have been chosen to be submitted to the WI Crime Lab to be analyzed for DNA, but the DNA developed was found to be extremely degraded. The WI Crime Lab suggested that the evidence be forwarded to a forensic lab that uses Mini-Filer, a DNA testing kit that works specifically with degraded DNA. I was in contact with the FBI Crime Lab and they confirmed that they do use Mini-Filer and would accept our case.

On 08/09/13 at 0831, Deputy Ollinger took possession of the evidence, see the BEAST Evidence Mgt. System for further details, and transported it to the FBI Office in Green Bay and turned it over to Agent Mullin for delivery to the FBI Crime Lab to be analyzed.

Approximately a month later, I was contacted by the FBI Crime Lab, who informed me that they would not work the case, due to the fact that it had already been worked by another Crime Lab. I explained that the WI Crime Lab does not use Mini-Filer and that they had suggested that we find a Lab that did, which is why we had sought out the FBI Crime Lab. They advised that they would not work the case even though Mini-Filer had never been attempted on the Evidence in question. This information was shared with Sheriff Matz and Captain Mack.

On 12/05/13 at 1431, the evidence was returned to our agency; see the BEAST Evidence Mgt. System for complete details.

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP016 - KRAPF - 04/14/14

AUTHOR: KRAPF, ROCHELLE

#### **HOMICIDE**

#### 04/14/14 R. KRAPF W202

While reviewing this unsolved homicide, we found that it could possibly be linked to another homicide, which occurred in Outagamie County in December of 1963. Florence Kilsdonk was the victim in that homicide. There is information that Florence was having an affair with an unknown male and that her husband, Marvin Kilsdonk, is infertile. Jeffrey Kilsdonk is Florence's son. There is a possibility that the victim in our case, Wayne Pratt, could be the person that Florence was having the affair with and possibly be the father to Jeffrey Kilsdonk.

In speaking with Outagamie County Detective Sgt. Chris Hammen I had learned that their agency, in recent years, had reviewed the Kilsdonk homicide and sent various DNA evidence to the WI Crime Lab for analysis. Included with that evidence were DNA standards from Florence Kilsdonk, Marvin Kilsdonk and Jeffrey Kilsdonk. I asked Sgt. Hammen if we could use those three standards, along with the DNA standard of our victim, Wayne Pratt, to complete paternity testing of Jeffrey Kilsdonk, to see if we could definitively determine who Jeffrey's father is. Sgt. Hammen gave our agency permission to use their evidence for this purpose. He provided an e-mail letter granting permission, which was forwarded to the WI Crime Lab.

On 04/10/14 at 1257, I sent an e-mail to the WI Crime Lab requesting they complete this paternity testing. All evidence needed, was already at the WI Crime Lab. On 04/11/14 at 1132, I received at e-mail from Dan Campbell, the supervisor for the DNA portion of the WI Crime Lab, indicating that they would be completing the requested analysis.

On 04/29/14, I received the Confidential Report of Laboratory Findings Form, which indicated that Wayne Pratt is excluded as a possible biological father of Jeffrey Kilsdonk and subsequently determined that Marvin Kilsdonk is included as a possible biological father of Jeffrey Kilsdonk.

The Crime Lab Findings were shared with Captain Mack and Sgt. Braman. All Crime Lab and related e-mail paperwork were placed in Central Records.

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE SUBJECT: SUP017 - SKORLINSKI - 10/24/14

AUTHOR: SKORLINSKI, ROCHELLE

HOMICIDE

10/24/14 R. SKORLINSKI W202

On 10/24/14, several items of evidence were chosen to be sent to Sorenson Forensics a Private Lab specializing in the testing of degraded DNA. Those items are as follows:

Item 3 - Shovel Handle

Item 4 - Blanket

Item 16 - Selected DNA extracts; all to be tested for DNA.

These items were shipped via FedEx overnight delivery. The tracking numbers are 8739 5444 3360 and 8739 5440 3370.

Our agency requested that these items be tested by request only. The first test requested was for Mini-Filer DNA testing on Item 16, selected extracts. These particular extracts (J2, J6, J25, J26, J27, J29 and J30) were selected because of their location of them, on the blanket (Item 4). It appeared there was a higher chance, due to location, that these extracts may contain suspect DNA. These extracts were also selected because the Wisconsin State Crime Lab had previously been able to determine that these extracts did contain Human DNA.

On 11/20/14, by request of Sorenson Forensics, Item 17, Reagent Blanks RB2, RB6 and RB9 and Extract U1, was sent to their lab as it was needed in order to complete the testing associated with Item 16, selected extracts. Item 17 was shipped via Fed Ex overnight delivery. The tracking number is 8739 5444 3392.

On 12/22/14, the Mini-Filer DNA testing was completed on the extracts and found to be inconclusive. The comprehensive report regarding these findings should be reviewed for complete details.

Also on 12/22/14, our agency approved MVAC DNA testing for Item 3, the shovel handle.

On 03/06/15, the MVAC testing was completed and the presence of human DNA was inconclusive. The comprehensive report regarding these findings should be reviewed for complete details.

On 05/08/15, our agency approved Mini-Filer testing of Item 4, the blanket.

On 06/05/15, the Mini-Filer testing was completed. The blanket was tested in four separate quadrants. 13.1 (top

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right corner); a mixture of DNA profiles from a minimum of three contributors, at least one of which genetically types as male, was obtained from this item. This mixture is inconclusive. 13.2 (bottom right corner); 13.3 (bottom left corner); and 13.4 (top left corner); all contained a mixture of DNA profiles from a minimum of two contributors, at least one of which genetically types as male, was obtained from these areas. These mixtures are all inconclusive. The comprehensive report regarding these findings should be reviewed for complete details.

It should be noted that on 06/22/15, I had email contact with Sol Marie Huamani, the case manager at Sorenson Forensics. I requested some clarification regarding the two and three contributors mentioned in the Mini-Filer DNA testing of the quadrants of the blanket. She advised that the genetic data they obtained is very limited and they cannot make any comparisons (inclusions or exclusions) to known donors.

The DNA testing by Sorenson Forensics is complete and they will be returning all evidence to our agency. The Sorenson Forensic Findings reports will be placed in Central Records.

No further information. R. Skorlinski W202 07/22/15

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP018 - BRAMAN - 06/11/15 AUTHOR: BRAMAN, CHRISTOPHER

HOMICIDE

06/11/15 1400 HOURS - DET. C. BRAMAN W67	
On 06/11/15 at approximately 1400 hours, myself and Evidence Coordinator Rochelle Skorlinski W202, were	
enroute to	to meet with Marie A. Pratt now Marie A. Orr
She was currently staying at her friends resident	e address. Her friend was further
identified as Donna J. Stratton	

Upon arrival at the address we were greeted by Donna Stratton and Marie Pratt. I was recording our contact with a recording app on my department issued smart phone. At the beginning of the contact I provided Marie with my business card and identified myself and Evidence Coordinator Skorlinski. During the initial part of the interview, which was conducted in a living room type area at Donna Stratton's residence, we began by talking about why Marie Pratt was in town. Marie indicated she was visiting for some graduations that were going on and that she had been in town since May 13th.

I then asked Marie about some information that she may have. She had left a voicemail on my work voicemail indicating that she had some potential information related to her husband's case. She began talking about Roger Tellock and Wayne Bryan. She further spoke about contacts she had with a psychic. She indicated that the contact was approximately 15 years ago and also made reference to a Sheriff's Office female investigator that had been working on the case. To my knowledge, that individual would have been former Detective Cheryl Eischen, who had done some work on the case during her time in the Detective Division.

Marie Pratt further stated that the psychic had talked about the man that had killed Wayne had black curly hair and Ms. Pratt thought that this individual may have been Wayne Bryan. Marie Pratt started to talk about the session that she had with the psychic. She indicated that it was the psychic, Detective Eischen and another psychic and that the psychic had indicated that based on a photo that she had been shown, Wayne Pratt had known the people that had killed him and that one had dark curly hair and one had blonde hair and Marie Pratt was aware that Roger Tellock had blonde hair. It should be noted that I had phone contact with Marie Pratt and referenced the name Roger Tellock during the course of the investigation. I had never heard of the name Wayne Bryan and I had never brought that name to Marie Pratt's attention. Where she got that name, I am unsure.

Marie Pratt continued stating that she was unaware of Roger Tellock ever assisting Wayne at the gas station and she made a comment at approximately 5 minutes and 44 seconds into the interview stating that Wayne didn't have any money that I knew of. After this I asked Marie if she was comfortable going back and reviewing the night

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of Wayne's death with us. Marie indicated that, that night she went out to the station to find out why the lights were on and she phrased it as "I think they were on and that's why I went there, I think that's what I said in the report". This is different than the initial reports that were recorded by the Sheriff's Office back in 1963 based on statements taken from Marie. In the statements from that time she stated that the reason she had gone out to the gas station was due to the fact that Wayne had not turned the lights on for the gas station and it was getting dark.

She further stated during this interview that the lights were on and it was 9 o'clock when he shuts down so she had gone over to see where he was. At approximately 12 minutes into the interview, Marie continues talking about their little boy laying on the couch and she was ironing. She said, "They coincided what TV show I was watching was as to when it happened" and by they I assume she meant the Sheriff's Office back in 1963. At approximately 12 minutes and 15 seconds into the interview, she makes the following statement verbatim, "Which it would have happened sooner than that but a little sooner than that at least. Anyway, I went there and I think I left my gun, uh, on the couch, and then, because he was sleeping so then I walked over there and turned on the back light". During the course of this interview, I did not hear this statement that she made in reference to "I think I left my gun". Additionally, she indicates that she turns on the light when a few minutes earlier she had stated that she thought the lights had been on already.

Marie Pratt continued talking about going out and checking the bathrooms and the doors. Eventually she stated she went into the back room and described an army blanket and that the army blanket was very large and was big enough that he, being Wayne, was fully on the blanket and covered up with it. She continues stating that he had been completely covered and she had taken the blanket off and saw him and saw that he had a big bump on his head. She then indicated that there was no 911 so she had to call the police and she had first called the City Police. She was then told to call the County Police so she had to look up that number and call the County Police.

I asked Marie if when she uncovered him if she had tried to shake him or check his level of consciousness and she indicated that she had not, that she had simply called his name and he had not answered. Marie Pratt describes lifting up his shirt and seeing what she thought looked like BB wounds. She had referenced picking BBs out of geese when she was younger and that the injuries looked like that. Then she indicated she was looking at Wayne when someone said "hello" behind her and an officer was standing there. This is different than the initial arriving officer, Sergeant Peppler's report dated 06/12/63 at 2108 hours. In his report he indicated that as he arrived at the station, Ms. Wayne Pratt ran out of the station stating that she thought her husband had been shot.

At this point during the interview Marie Pratt's friend, Donna Stratton, asked Marie when she had gone and picked up her son stating, "Cause you had mentioned your son was over there". Marie Pratt then says, "Well, I, well yeah because, uh, that's yet to come". She talks about speaking with the officer reference Wayne being shot. She's not sure what the officer did as far as investigation. She stated she went back into the office and then eventually back into their residence and at that point got their son and brought him back out to the scene. At some point, had been close enough to Wayne to see that he was bleeding and had made a comment, "Daddy bleed".

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Marie then talks about checking the till prior to finding Wayne to see if maybe he had left to go to the Airport Bar, which was between Neenah and Menasha. She also indicated that he would normally tell her when he was going. I asked her if he could walk to the bar or if he had to drive and she stated that he would have to drive. I then asked her if the car was still present and she stated "yes, it was". I asked Marie if officers had checked her residence or the surrounding area. She had indicated that the officers had eventually asked her to return to the residence and she had taken back to that location. She said that she is not really sure and that the officers told them that they had checked the grounds and the fields and had not found anything.

I then directed Marie's attention to her polygraph test, which occurred in 1964. She had initially not agreed to take a test in 1963 but eventually she had submitted to a polygraph test. I directed her attention to some suspicion she appears to have indicated during that test in reference to David Sennholz. Marie was clear that she did not suspect David Sennholz and stated that she had never thought that. I spoke with her briefly about her seeing David Sennholz. The reports indicate that she had an affair with David Sennholz that had begun prior to Wayne's death and then had ended potentially sometime in October or possibly later. During my current interview with Marie, she indicated that she had only seen him twice. This is definitely different than the police reports from 1963 and 1964. In speaking with her more specifically about it, I read a portion of David Sennholz statement from 1964 where he talks about their relationship and that it had started prior to Wayne's death and ended in October. I asked her if Sennholz had ever made any comments about if Wayne wasn't around or other comments about being with her and Marie simply said, "I don't know". After this portion of the interview, Marie's demeanor was more stiff.

For the next several minutes of the interview I asked questions and Marie provides short or one word answers. I spoke with her about how Wayne would handle transactions at the pumps, whether he would immediately enter payments made at the pumps into the register or if customers sometimes came in. She was not very clear on this. She said that sometimes they paid at the pump and sometimes they would come in and she also believed that Wayne would sometimes hold the money until he had time to enter the cash.

Approximately 39 minutes into our interview, Marie references the fact that Wayne had needed money at one point during the time that they were running the gas station. She stated the first year he was there, he was under contract which must have been through Enco and that they had paid him. The next year he went on a commission and didn't tell her about it and then they needed money to pay the gas bill or they weren't going to deliver gas to them anymore. Marie indicated that they had borrowed \$1,000 from her parents and that was the end of it.

The next part of the interview we discussed with Marie the current status of some of the DNA testing that's involved in this investigation, as well as some of the lengths of time that it has taken items to be processed. Marie then begins to talk about Wayne Bryan and Roger Tellock again indicating that the photo that Detective Eischen had shown her previously, when they were with the psychic, and the aura around that picture had her thinking about Roger Tellock and Wayne Bryan. She did not have any other information that would indicate Roger or Wayne were violent or that they had any issues with her murdered husband Wayne Pratt. Approximately 52 minutes into

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our interview, I asked Marie if Wayne and Roger were friends and chummed together. Marie stated, "Well apparently, I don't know, I didn't keep up with my classmates or anything like that. I got married and we lived out there." This was significant to me as Donna Pratt, who had lived with Wayne and Marie had indicated that Marie was not happy about living at that location.

The interview continued and again, Marie Pratt's friend Donna Stratton asked Marie about some college classes that Marie had taken. Marie explained she had taken a class through the University of Oshkosh. She described it as a deviants course and they wanted the students to do a report on a killing or something that happened and she had gone to the County and Marie had requested the report on Wayne's investigation. She made the statement, "I was going to investigate Wayne's case and I really wanted to see what you thought about me." At that point, they would not release the case because it was still unsolved and considered an open investigation so she took another case.

We spoke to Marie about potentially coming into the Sheriff's Office to review some of the statements that had been provided back then. Marie Pratt was non committal about coming in and reviewing any reports at the Sheriff's Office. We discussed some of the suspects that had been listed through the years for this homicide including Raymond Marsh, William Doxtator and Thomas Hoppe. Marie had no information that would have furthered any suspicion of these individuals.

Shortly after this we discussed some of the items around the gas station including the candy machine and the cigar boxes where cash would have been stored. I asked Marie if the register had been open when she had come out to the gas station and she stated that it had been open. I asked her a follow up question as to whether she had to hit a button to open it and she said no, not that she remembered that she remembered it being open and again stated that she thought that he had taken the money and gone to the bar. We had discounted this earlier because their vehicle was still at the residence and he would have had to drive to the bar.

Shortly after this, the interview ended after approximately an hour and a half. The digital recording from our interview was downloaded and placed into the G: Drive in the Winnebago County system. Of importance from the interview, is obviously the remarks made at approximately 12 minutes and 10 seconds. Right before this, Marie Pratt had told us that her little boy had been laying on the couch and she had been ironing so she had established where her son was and then she began the statement, "Anyway, I went there and I think I left my gun, uh, went there are on the couch."

This is of significance for several reasons. Initially when Marie Pratt phoned in her husband's murder and had contact with the first arriving police officer, she had indicated that her husband had been shot. Additionally, while viewing autopsy photos of Wayne Pratt, investigators from this department observed a wound that appeared to be inconsistent with the other wounds. This wound was small and appeared to be round, not the same shape or size as what had been described as 53 stab wounds to Wayne Pratt.

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Next, there is a photo, which was taken by Investigator Lt. Gunther back on the evening of the murder, June 12, 1963. A few feet from Wayne Pratt's body and in the center of the photo is an object, which is consistent with a small caliber firearm casing. There is no mention of this in any of the documentation that we have been able to locate.

Finally, in multiple reports from 1963 there is indication that there may have been a firearm inside Wayne Pratt's

Enco Gas Station. From a supplement dated 06/20/63, Officer Vonderloh #46 wrote a report indicating that he had been at the Lions Restaurant and then spoke with Jim Dins, who I was able to identify as James. R. Dins Dins had indicated to Officer Vonderloh that and that Wichman was good friends with the Pratts and he works with Earl Wichman, that about two weeks ago, Wichman had been to Pratt's and at that time Pratt had a gun in his desk drawer and he had asked Pratt if it was loaded. Pratt had told him yes but he wouldn't use it because if someone came to rob him, he would give them the money as he would rather live a coward than be a dead hero. I can not find any further reports or statements taken from Earl Wichman. I was able to make phone contact with James Dins on 07/01/15 at 11:00am. Mr. Dins did not remember speaking with the police. He did confirmed that he worked with Earl Wichman and he indicated Earl Wichman had passed away a few years prior. He stated that Earl Wichman was a stand up individual and that if Earl Wichman had said something that it would have been true.

Additionally, there is another supplement for this report dated 03/03/64 and this is a statement from Thomas J. This statement from 1964 indicates that Tom had told Lt. Gunther that Wayne had told him at one time that he had a gun in the station but he would not show it to Thomas Kaufman or his friends. I was able to make phone contact with Thomas Kaufman on 07/02/15 at approximately 0940 hours and in speaking with Tom he remembered speaking with an officer when he had come into pay for a fine. He did not remember Wayne talking about a gun but indicated that if he had put it in the statement, that it probably happened.

It should be noted that I had not heard Marie Pratt make the statement referencing the gun during the initial interview. I located that when I was preparing for this report and was listening to the playback of the audio. Based on her statement, as well as the other information that we had gathered about a possible firearm or firearm wound, we set up a meeting with a representative from the District Attorney's Office, Medical Examiner Dr. Kelly and Winnebago County Coroner Barry Busby to present information to them in reference to possible exhumation of Wayne Pratt to look for potential evidence. Looking at the autopsy photos of Wayne Pratt, it did not appear that there was any type of exit wound on the front of his person. There is more information to come.

No further information at this time. Det. C. Braman W67 kkd 07/24/15

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP019 - BRAMAN - 07/02/15 AUTHOR: BRAMAN, CHRISTOPHER

HOMICIDE

07/02/15 1400 HOURS - DET. C. BRAMAN W67

On 07/02/15 at approximately 1400 hours, myself and Evidence Coordinator Rochelle Skorlinski W202, arrived at

We were there to speak with Donna J. Pedersen

Donna Pedersen is formerly Donna Pratt and the sister of Wayne Pratt, the victim in this homicide.

We had previously spoken with Donna Pedersen in June of 2013. We wanted to review some of the information she had provided previously and also ask her some specific questions about information that we were now looking into regarding this case. At the beginning of the interview, Donna indicated that she had been living with Wayne and Marie up until the time of Wayne's murder. She thought that she had not been there that night, that her and her future husband, Emil, had been to Treasure Island to purchase some wedding gifts. I asked Donna if there were any problems between Wayne and Marie and Donna indicated that she knew they were having marital problems. She stated that Marie would not let Wayne touch her. Donna also stated that it was her belief that Wayne was aware that Marie was having an affair. She is not sure if he had an idea of who she was having an affair with but she believed that he was aware of the affair. Donna added that Marie would go out late at night and would not have a reason to be out and Wayne would not know where she was at.

I confirmed with Donna that the phone line for the residence was the same phone line as in the gas station. Donna stated that was correct. Donna continued about the marital issues between Marie and Wayne. She indicated that Marie was often angry with Wayne and she was not sure why. I asked Donna about the potential that Wayne would have kept a firearm, gun, in the gas station and she stated she did not know. I asked her if she was aware of a desk that had been in the gas station and she stated that she had sat at that desk but she had never looked through the desk and if Wayne had a gun in that desk, she would not know.

I had asked Donna if from our last contact with her if she had any information that she had been thinking about. She stated that she had been thinking about the army blanket and stated that Marie's cousin, Henry Summers, who use to live had been in the army and maybe he had given Marie the army blanket or had some involvement. His name had not come up during the course of this investigation previously.

Approximately 11 minutes into the interview, Donna begins talking about contact that she and her family had, had with Mr. Webb, who is Marie Pratt's father. Donna said she was there when Mr. Webb told her family that Marie had lied on the lie detector and she killed your son, don't let her get away with it. Mr. Webb had also said that Marie was a good liar. Donna said Mr. Webb indicated that he knew what kind of person Marie was.

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I asked her who else spent a lot of time with Wayne and Donna indicated that Roger Tellock spent a lot of time with Wayne and he helped him out at the station and they hung out together. This is inconsistent with the information that Marie Pratt had provided. Donna Pedersen also stated that she believed that the gas station stayed open until approximately 11pm and Wayne would go out and turn the lights on whenever it started to get dark but there was not a set time as to when he would turn the lights on. She also believed that Wayne put money from sales at the gas pumps into the register right away. I asked Donna if Wayne and Marie were having any financial troubles and Donna was not sure as she stated they may have but she did say that Marie use to take a lot of money from the till and Wayne would tell her that she has to put that money back. She was not aware if Marie ever returned any of the money. She was not aware of what Marie was doing with all of the money either. Donna indicated that she thought Marie took the money to work and was not sure what she spent it on.

At approximately 21 minutes into the interview, while we were speaking about Wayne and Marie's son Donna who would be aunt, stated that she had contact with and that he would kid with her that at least his dad, who would be his adopted dad Jack Habelwitz, was lucky he got away with just a divorce. Donna believed that may have the belief that Marie Pratt was involved in Wayne's death. Donna continued and talked at length about an incident that she believed occurred at the Webb's house while she had been there and Marie was also there. She indicated that it happened at least 6 months after Wayne's murder. She believed a man, who had been driving what she thought was a semi truck, had come to the door of the Webb's and had asked for Marie and wanted Marie to come with him and Marie had stayed in her room and was crying and would not go with this man. Donna is not aware of who this was.

Donna did reference the Kilsdonk homicide from Outagamie County and stated that potentially this male was Marvin Kilsdonk but there is no information to support that.

Donna also indicated that at Wayne's funeral, Marie was not upset. Donna indicated that she, herself, had to be pulled away by her future husband, Emil, because she was crying at Wayne's grave but that Marie just walked away and was not showing any emotion. It was asked of Donna if this was at the point where some of the family started to believe Marie had involvement in Wayne's death and Donna indicated that Mr. Webb already knew by that point that Marie had involvement.

We spoke briefly with Donna Pedersen about the potential of exhuming Wayne's body for further evidence. Donna Pedersen indicated that she would be ok with that and that it bothers her everyday of her life that Marie is out walking around and enjoying life and Wayne is in the ground.

I provided Donna Pedersen with my contact information. I also advised her that we would be in contact in reference to future exhumation activity.

No further information Det. C. Braman W67 kkd 07/27/15

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP020 - BRAMAN - 07/06/15 AUTHOR: BRAMAN, CHRISTOPHER

HOMICIDE

07/06/15 1345 HOURS - DET. C. BRAMAN W67

On 07/06/15 at approximately 1345 hours, I arrived at

hoping to speak

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with a resident at that location a Roger A. Tellock

I was able to make contact with Mr. Tellock and spoke with him in his garage area at his residence. I identified myself as a Detective with the Sheriff's Office and explained to him that I was currently working on the Wayne Pratt homicide from 1963. Mr. Tellock acknowledged that he knew what case I was speaking about and agreed to speak with me about it. I asked him how he was involved in the case and he indicated that he had been working at the station around the time that Wayne Pratt had been murdered. He stated that he had worked with a Lee Quimby, who is now deceased.

Roger Tellock stated that he did not know much other than what had been printed in the papers and if he remembered correctly, he thought Wayne had been killed by a blow to his head from a shovel. He did have his own suspicions about the case though. He indicated that it was always strange to him because they did not have many customers at night. He always thought, or suspected, that Wayne's wife Marie had killed him. He stated that he did not have anything to base that on other than his contact with her. He described her as a cold and mean person.

He did state he recalled that Marie did not like living out at that location and gave Wayne a hard time about it. He also remembered that Wayne's sister Donna Pratt, that her wedding was coming up about the time that Wayne had been murdered and he stated he had gone out with Donna Pratt and they had double dated with Wayne and Marlene Dolocheck. He stated this was prior to Wayne marrying Marie. Roger Tellock did not recall how Wayne and Marie had started to go together but he stated that he use to go out with Wayne quite a bit and stated that Wayne was very proud of his vehicle that he had bought. He thought it was a 58' Edsel. He also stated that Wayne never had any problems at the station that he could remember.

I asked Roger some specific questions related to the current investigation. I asked him if Wayne had ever had a gun out at the station. Roger said he was not sure, he had not seen a gun. When I asked him if he remembered a desk out in the gas station, he stated he remembered the desk and he sat there and had his feet on it but he said he had never gone into the desk and if Wayne had kept a gun in there, he would not have known. I asked Roger how much Marie had for involvement with the financial part of the station and Roger was not sure. I asked him how Wayne would handle turning on the lights at night and he stated when it started to get dark, Wayne would turn all

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the lights on at once for the pumps and the station.

Roger Tellock also talked about the back room of the gas station. He said it was a very small room and unless Wayne was going back there to get oil, there would be no reason for him to be back there. I asked Roger specifically about a photo where there is a battery on the sidewalk in front of the station and Roger did not have an answer to this. He stated they did not handle batteries and they would not have had a battery in the station to exchange for that one so he is not sure why that was there. Roger believed that the station was open later into the night. He knew occasionally Wayne and Marie would go out and either Roger or Lee Quimby would cover the station and they would take a chair and sit out front of the gas station and watch the cars drive by on Hwy 41. He indicated they did this late into the evening on some nights.

I asked Roger how Wayne handled the sales at the pump. In Roger's word he stated that Wayne was meticulous about entering sales into the register immediately after taking the money at the pumps. This was all of the information that Roger could recall at this point. I provided him with my business card and asked if he thought of anything else to feel free to contact me. I also asked him if he would be alright with the Sheriff's Office having contact with him later if there were further questions and he was very cooperative and stated he would help in any way that he could.

No further information Det. C. Braman W67 kkd 07/27/15

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP021 - BRAMAN - 07/14/15 AUTHOR: BRAMAN, CHRISTOPHER

HOMICIDE

07/14/15 1330 HOURS DET. C. BRAMAN W67

On the above date and approx time I had phone contact with Bonnie L. Wright Bonnie is formally listed in this incident as Bonnie Dequaine in the supplement marked 06/21/63.

I was following up with Bonnie Wright, previously Bonnie Dequaine, in reference her contact with Wayne Pratt on the evening of 06/12/63. From the reports Bonnie was the last person, other then Marie Pratt, who had contact with Wayne on the evening of his death. Bonnie had lived down the road and had walked to the gas station to wait for a cab from the city of Oshkosh.

In speaking with Bonnie I asked her if she had spoken with a police officer back in 1963 reference this and she did not remember speaking with an officer back during the initial investigation. She stated that she believes an officer may have spoken with her father in reference to what happened but she does not recall specifically talking to an officer and providing a statement. I read some of the information that is listed as being from her interview on 06 /63 by Lt. Guenther of the Sheriff's Office. It indicates that she had gotten over to the gas station at approx 1800 hours and she was by herself, Bonnie confirmed that this was true. This information also stated that she stated Wayne was at the station alone and Bonnie also confirmed that this was true. Also stated was that she had asked to use the telephone at the gas station and Bonnie indicated that was also correct and that she had done that previously. She had not wanted her parents to know that she was getting cab rides into the city so she would walk over to the gas station and make the phone call from there so the cab would not come to her house.

It states in Bonnie's 1963 interview that Wayne had told Bonnie that his wife was "fucking up their little boy" and that there was nothing unusual about Wayne's mood that night. Bonnie indicated that she did not think that that was what she said and that she did not remember Wayne telling her that his wife was "fucking up their little boy". Bonnie described Wayne as normally very happy and would sit and talk with her while she waited for the cab. Bonnie indicated that she had contact with Wayne's wife, Marie, and she described Marie as "strange".

Bonnie stated that there was something different about that evening and that previously during the summer she had gone to the gas station and Wayne would let her sit in the gas station and they would talk while she waited for the cab. Bonnie stated that on the night of Wayne's murder that he acted like he was sad and that it was the only time in her trips to the gas station that he made her wait outside. Bonnie believes that she was at the gas station around 1800 or 1900 hours, this would be approx 2 hours prior to Marie locating Wayne's body and contacting the police. This would also be the approx time that David Sennholz had called the Pratt residence.

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According to information provided by Marie, after the phone call Wayne had gone out to the gas station. Bonnie's information indicates Wayne was at the gas station the whole time she was present. It is unclear if this is prior to the phone call or just after the phone call.

No further information at this time.

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP022 - SKORLINSKI - 07/15/15

AUTHOR: SKORLINSKI, ROCHELLE

#### **HOMICIDE**

#### 07/15/15 R. SKORLINSKI W202

While reviewing this case, we came upon a photo that appears to be an empty shell casing lying on the floor, where the body of Wayne Pratt had been found deceased. Our agency has the negative of this photo and we used it to make a 20 X 24 enlargement of this photo in hopes it would allow us to positively identify this item as a shell casing. Unfortunately, there were no additional marks to positively identify this object as a shell casing.

On 07/17/15, I e-mailed the photo of the suspected shell casing and an autopsy photo of the deceased, which depicts a circular shaped wound to Mark Simonson a Firearms Expect at the Milwaukee Crime lab, asking him to review the photos to see if he could determine if the suspected item was a shell casing and if the wound could possibly be a gunshot wound. On 07/20/17, I received an e-mail from Simonson and he advised that the item does look like a cartridge case, but since there is no scale in the photo, he could not give a caliber. He further advised that he does not make determinations on wounds and leaves that to the medical examiner. I later spoke with Simonson, who asked that our agency submit the negative, to see if the Crime Labs, Forensic Imaging Unit, could make the image clearer, so a determination could be made.

On 07/23/15, Item 18, the negative and 8.5 X 11 photo were sent to the Crime Lab in Madison. The Certified Mail Transaction number is 7012 3460 0000 4021 7782. It was received at the Crime Lab on 07/24/15 by Hailey Bradford. The Crime Lab Case Number is M63-8907 and Item 18 is identified as Item AJ.

On 12/22/15, I received the Confidential Report of Laboratory Findings Form, which indicated high resolution photographs and scans were captured of the negative. The area of the negative containing the suspected shell case was enlarged. A report print was produced showing the full negative at actual size, as well as an enlargement of the area containing the suspected shell case and it is the opinion of the examiner, Aaron Matson, that the images provided depict a true and accurate record of the details present in the original negative.

After reading this report I was unclear as to whether or not the analyst was able to definitively determine if the item in the photo is a shell casing, so I made phone contact with Aaron Matson to inquire. He said the imaging done in the unit did not make the image clear enough to definitively determine if the item in the photo is a shell casing. The report should be reviewed for complete details.

The report and photos made by the Crime Lab have been placed in the file.

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP023 - BRAMAN - 07/29/15 AUTHOR: BRAMAN, CHRISTOPHER

HOMICIDE

#### 07/29/15 1345 HOURS DET. C. BRAMAN W67

On the above and approx time I was able to make contact with Patrick C. Sanders Patrick Sanders is a retired Sheriff's Office Deputy who was present at the scene during the Pratt homicide on 06 /12/63. The initial report done that evening, 06/12/63, that is documented is by Officer Peppler. Officer Peppler indicates that when he arrived at the scene Mrs. Wayne Pratt was running out of the station and she thought her husband had been shot.

In speaking with Patrick, he remembered that evening that he was there within seconds after Peppler had arrived on scene. It should be noted that Officer Peppler is since deceased. In speaking with Patrick he stated that he remembered the night well and that that type of call didn't happen and it stood out in his career. He believed that when he arrived that the lights were on on the outside of the station, as well as the inside of the station. He stated he had contact with Marie Pratt at the scene. Patrick did not remember seeing any blood anywhere in the front part of the station or on Marie and he thought that was strange that with the amount of blood in the back room that there wasn't more blood out in the front part of the station. Patrick remembered clearly that he thought Marie's behavior was odd and that she did not seem upset and that she was very calm. He also stated that he had always had the thought in the back of his mind that she had been involved just by her demeanor that evening.

Patrick indicated that he was not part of any search of the Pratt residence. He had been out there and the investigation had been run by Lt. Guenther but he did not remember anyone searching the Pratt residence. Patrick was aware they had done a search of the fields around the gas station but he does not recall anyone searching the residence. Patrick stated that he had asked Marie questions about what had happened and she told him that she had not heard or seen anything or any car.

Patrick also advised that he did not have much to do with that case after the initial evening. Lt. Guenther and Wilbert Fuller, who was a patrol officer that was moved to Detectives to assist with that case, handled the majority of the investigation. Patrick indicated that if we needed any further information or he could help in any way that he was more then willing and still had an interest in seeing the case resolved.

No further information.

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP024 - SKORLINSKI - 07/30/15

AUTHOR: SKORLINSKI, ROCHELLE

#### **HOMICIDE**

#### 07/30/15 R. SKORLINSKI W202

While reviewing this case, including all reports, evidence and photos, we had developed a belief that Marie Pratt could likely be the person responsible for the homicide of her husband, Wayne Pratt and that she may have used a firearm during the attack. In Sgt. Peppler's police report recounting his first contact with Marie Pratt, as he arrived on scene, he states that during Marie Pratt's initial comments she stated that her husband had been shot. Subsequently, during an interview with Marie Pratt by Lt. Braman on 06/11/15, as she is recalling the details of the night of the homicide she inadvertently mentions; "I think I left my gun", then quickly changes the subject. To add to this theory there is a photo of a what appears to be a shell casing, laying just a few feet from Wayne Pratt's deceased body and there are at least two autopsy photos that show what appears to be a wound that is circular in nature and is unlike all of the other wounds, which appears to be consistent with a gun shot wound.

On Tuesday 06/30/15, Lt. Braman and I met with Forensic Pathologist, Dr. Doug Kelley, DDA Scott Ceman, DA Investigator Jim Goggins and Coroner Barry Busby. We presented a power point which detailed the information stated above. As well as additional information, which includes two police reports (06/20/63-Jim Dins and 03/03 /64-Thomas Kaufman), which indicate that Wayne Pratt did keep a firearm in the station.

There are also statements from Donna Pratt (Wayne's sister) and Mrs. Clarence Pratt (Wayne's mother) stating that Wayne and Marie were having marital problems, there were financial concerns and Wayne's life insurance was due to expire on 06/15/63 (three days after the homicide). The day after the homicide according to Mrs. Clarence Pratt (report date 08/10/63) Marie went over to Mrs. Clarence Pratt's residence and told Mrs. Pratt that Wayne was in a better place because he worried too much and she also disclosed that she was aware his life insurance policy was due to expire on 06/15/63.

On 08/09/63, Marie refused to take a polygraph exam. On 03/11/64, Floyd Webb (Marie's father) contacts police and said they are having problems with Marie and he tells them that Marie has a boyfriend; then encourages police to contact his wife, Mrs. Floyd Webb (Marie's mother), who has more information. Mrs. Floyd Webb is contacted and she tells police that Marie was having an affair with David Sennholz prior to Wayne's death and continued after he was killed. In 10/63, Sennholz ended the affair and Marie was "hysterical". She also said that Marie had been living with them since the time Wayne was killed and she did not appear to be upset about his death.

At the conclusion of the presentation, all in attendance were in agreement that there was enough new information

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provided regarding the possible use of a firearm that it warranted an exhumation of Wayne Pratt's body. Dr. Kelley added that a full forensic autopsy could also offer potential for new DNA evidence, as well as providing full documentation, which would include X-Rays and full forensic examination documenting all wounds and wound paths.

Wayne Pratt is buried at the Oakhill Cemetery located at 211 Walnut Street in the city of Neenah,

On 07/16/15, an Affidavit was completed by DA Investigator Jim Goggins and DDA Scott Ceman completed a Motion for Disinterment, both were presented to the Honorable Judge Daniel Bisset, who, in turn, issued an Order for Disinterment.

The disinterment was scheduled for Thursday 07/30/15 at 0600. At 0550, on that date Capt. Mack, Lt. Braman, Detective Hammen, Coroner Busby and I arrived at Oakhill Cemetery and met with the cemetery staff who would be conducting the disinterment; Michael J. Schink,

and Jeffrey W. VanOudenhoven,

turned over the Order of Disinterment and the Disinterment Permit to Michael Schink and then proceeded to the burial location.

The disinterment began at 0609. The vault was unearthed at 0643 and shortly thereafter the Wilbert Vault Company arrived to remove the vault from the grave. The Wilbert Vault employee's are Mark R. Ferry, and Troy J. Jurczykowski,

At 0727, the vault was placed on the truck and transported to the office/shop area of the cemetery where the vault could be opened with privacy. The vault was opened and we found that the casket had eroded and collapsed. Lt. Braman, Coroner Busby and I began to carefully remove the pieces of the casket out of the yault. After several pieces of the casket were removed, I could see the outline of a skull, which was still covered by material from the casket. That material was pulled away and we could now fully see Wayne Pratt's remains, which were still intact.

Since the casket was in such poor condition, it was decided that we would remove the entire body from the casket and transport the body in a body bag. The remains were placed in the body bag at 0751 and sealed by me at that time. We then placed the remains into an enclosed trailer. Detective Schroeder drove the truck that transported the trailer, while Lt. Braman, Detective Hammen and I followed in a separate vehicle. Transport to the Fond du Lac County Medical Examiner's Office began at 0817 and we arrived there at 0858. At no time did we lose sight of the trailer.

The autopsy began at 0924 and was performed by Forensic Pathologist Dr. Kelley. The ME Case number is 15-627. A full examination of the remains, which included X-Rays, were completed and the Pathologist's report

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should be reviewed for complete details. Dr. Kelley was unable to find any evidence of a bullet wound, bullet, fragment or any other evidence that would indicate that a firearm had inflicted any wounds to the body.

At the conclusion of the autopsy Dr. Kelley turned over, to me, the following items: the fingernails from each hand of the body, Wayne Pratt's wedding ring and a paper (drink) card, removed from the inside pocket of the jacket worn by the deceased. The body was then placed in a new casket and locked in the cooler at the ME's Office, to be delivered back to the cemetery for re-burial on 07/31/15.

At approximately 1000 on Friday 07/31/15, the reinternment began at Oakhill Cemetery. The body was delivered to the cemetery by Larry's Livery and placed back in the vault by Wilburt Vault staff. Mark Alberts and Michael Schink were responsible for reinternment. Capt. Mack, Coroner Busby and I were present during the reinternment process.

Once the vault was placed back in the plot, we allowed for family to have a short memorial. Those present were Marie Orr (Pratt), Donna Stratton (friend of Marie) and a female clergy, whose name was not obtained.

Once the memorial was complete, the burial of the vault began. Prior to leaving the cemetery, Marie Orr walked over to me and asked if she could speak with me for a moment. Marie, who was aware of additional testing that was being done with other evidence in this case, asked if blood that was mixed together on a piece of evidence could be separated. I told her that was possible. I asked her if there was something specific she was referring to and she said she was just wondering. She asked no further follow up questions and left a short time later, with Donna Stratton and the clergy woman.

Captain Mack and I left once the vault was fully covered and could no longer be accessed.

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP025 - BRAMAN - 07/30/15 AUTHOR: BRAMAN, CHRISTOPHER

HOMICIDE

# 07/30/15 1600 HOURS - DET. C. BRAMAN W67

On the above date and time, after attending an exhumation of Wayne Pratt's body from the Oakhill Cemetery, the forensic autopsy conducted by Dr. Kelly at the Fond Du Lac Medical Examiners Office, myself, Detective Hammen W63 and Evidence Coordinator Rochelle Skorlinski W202, arrived at Our purpose at that location was to meet with Marie Pratt, now Marie Orr and conduct an interrogation of her related to her husbands death. For a detailed report regarding the exhumation and subsequent forensic autopsy, please see Evidence Coordinator Skorlinski's supplement as well as any documentation from Dr. Doug Kelly.

Upon arriving at the address, we were greeted by Donna Stratton, the homeowner, and Marie Pratt. Once inside the residence, myself and Detective Hammen sat with Marie Pratt in a living room type area inside the residence. Evidence Coordinator Skorlinski left that room with Donna Stratton and went to a separate area of the residence.

During the initial contact with Marie, we reviewed some general information in reference to the autopsy. When I began my interview with her, Detective Hammen was present. About 6 minutes into my contact with Marie Pratt, I asked her what she thought should happen to the individual who had done this to Wayne. She paused and she stated, "If he has done nothing else, my point is to forgive the man." I then asked Marie about our last interview, which had been conducted in June of 2015. I referenced our conversation about David Sennholz. I had brought to her attention at that point their affair; I was aware from both reports from the past and an interview with David Sennholz that they had a relationship prior to Wayne's death and that relationship had continued after Wayne's death. Now bringing to her attention that she had not provided me any information about that during our previous interview, I asked her why she had not been honest. She stated that she had been honest and that is what she remembers. She again spoke about vague memories of having contact with David at a park and at a super market and in one of these contacts David's wife had been present but she did not have any recollection of any extra marital contact with David prior or after.

Reports from 1963 and 1964 indicate that both Marie and David had given statements that	
their relationship had continued until approximately October of 1963 when David had broken it off with Marie.	
According to Marie's parents, at the time that this had made Marie hysterical and she was very upset that David	
had broken it off. During my interview with David, he had confirmed that there had been a relationship after	
Wayne's death and stated that it may have gone on for a few months and that	

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he remembered the breaking it off incident with Marie. According to Marie, she did not remember any of this.

After this part of the interview, I explained to Marie that we had conducted a thorough investigation, that we spoke with individuals who had been at the gas station on the day of Wayne's murder, and that we had reviewed reports completed back at the time of the incident. Our investigation indicated that she had knowledge of Wayne's death and how it was committed. Marie simply stated, "I don't have any knowledge." She followed that by saying, "I don't know anything." Marie did not become upset by this, she did not say that she did not kill Wayne and the statements that she made were lacking any type of emphasis. I explained to her that back in 1964 she had taken a polygraph and the results of that had indicated some deception on her part related to having knowledge of Wayne's death. Marie stated that the Sheriff at the time had told her that she had passed that polygraph with flying colors and then indicated to her that the Sheriff's Office had thought that she had some involvement and potentially had hired someone to kill Wayne. These comments were an indication of things to come regarding this interview or interrogation with Marie Pratt. She remembers a specific conversation she had with the Sheriff in reference to her polygraph results but she could not remember whether or not she went out to the gas station to see if the lights were on or off or whether she had any extra marital contact before or after her husband's death.

We continued and I explained to Marie that according to our interview with Donna Pratt and reports from 1964, that her parents, the Webb's, had some belief that Marie was involved in Wayne's death. Marie said that Mrs. Pratt had always accused Marie of being involved but she did not at this point speak directly about her parents. Marie then says that Mrs. Pratt accused her of having an affair and she is not sure where Mrs. Pratt would have gotten that information. She said possibly from Wayne. This is very confusing information. First Marie act surprised that Mrs. Pratt would think that she was having an affair when in fact Marie Pratt was having an affair. Additionally, Marie had told me on multiple occasions that she did not have any information that Wayne was aware that she was having an affair and she is now indicating that the only place Mrs. Pratt could have found out that she was having an affair was through Wayne.

I then bring up the phone call from the evening of the murder when David Sennholz had called out to the Pratt residence and at first had talked with Wayne and then subsequently with Marie. Marie acted surprised and asked the question, "He did?" At this point she is now indicating that she did not remember a phone call on the evening of the murder speaking to the man that she is having an extra marital affair with and a phone conversation that she spoke about in multiple statements to the Sheriff's Office in 1963 and 1964. She now says she doesn't remember this.

I then went into other facts related to the day of the murder, specifically Wayne potentially having knowledge of her affair through Chuck Gunderson. His contact with Bonnie Dequaine which is information received from Bonnie during a recent interview as well as witness statements from 8:40pm that night that described vehicles at the gas station differently than the vehicles that she places at the gas station. Confronted with these items, Marie says, "Well, I don't know. That's what I saw." After this was the first time during the interview that she would state, "I was ironing and watching TV."

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I then went into why she had gone out to the gas station that night. I stated, "You went out to the gas station because the lights were" and then I paused so she could fill in the blank. She then stated, "I either said they were on or they were off." She continued stated that she went out there because they were either on or off and they shouldn't have been and because Wayne wasn't in the house. To clarify on this point, during her initial statement in 1963 taken the night of the homicide, she had indicated that the lights were out and she had gone outside to see why he hadn't turned the lights on as it was getting dark. I assume that at that time, being the night of the murder and currently involved in the operation of the gas station, that she would be aware that he was not closing the gas station otherwise him having the lights on would be insignificant. If the gas station was to close at 9:00pm it wouldn't matter if the lights were on or off. She previously had talked about that maybe Wayne had gone to the Airport Bar and again she had brought this up in her interview. It was quickly dispelled again because Wayne would have had to drive to the bar and their only vehicle had been parked outside the house. She again talked about the fact that she had checked the bathrooms because sometimes Wayne cleaned the bathrooms at night so he wouldn't have to do it in the morning. Currently, there is no explanation as to why Marie would have gone out to the gas station at 9:00pm. It was dusk, not dark, and it was only minutes after 9:00pm.

Additionally now, during my current interview with her, Marie was very adamant that the lights were either on or off but Wayne closed the gas station at 9:00pm and that's why she had gone out there because he had not come back in. This is different than what she had said in 1963 when the information would have been more easily recollected. This information is contradictory to the information provided by Roger Tellock and Donna Pedersen who both indicated the gas station stayed open later than 9:00pm. Also, it is clear that if Marie was ironing and watching television, that she was doing something and not simply curious as to where Wayne was. We can also look back to the interview from June of 2015 with Marie Pratt, where she indicates clearly that she made two separate trips out to the gas station. She actually corrects Donna Stratton stating that she had gone out and found Wayne by herself and then eventually went back in and picked up her son. This is also contradictory to a statement she gave the night of the homicide back in June of 1963. During that statement and subsequent statements taken by officers of the Sheriff's Office during the investigation, Marie had taken out there and located Wayne.

Additionally we have a supplemental report from the dispatcher at the time who had taken the call from Marie Pratt indicating that they could hear a child in the background. Marie Pratt has been consistent throughout her interviews and previous statements that she made the phone call to the police from the gas station meaning at the time she discovered Wayne that was with her. As stated before, she clearly recollects things that occurred before Wayne's death to include that Wayne's father, Clarence Pratt, had domestically and physically abused his mother, and being the reason that Donna Pedersen had to go and take care of Mrs. Pratt. She recalls going and picking up from the Pratt residence on the day of Wayne's murder. Marie recalls specifics about conversations with the Sheriff's Office after Wayne's death, even the night of Wayne's death, she remembers that she was shaking and that the Sheriff's Office had asked her to return to her residence. She remembers the couple that was an acquaintance of theirs from a trip to New Orleans had shown up at the

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residence that night and she remembers specifically what they said to her, but Marie does not remember anything specifically about her trips out to the gas station. When she refers to things that happened at the gas station during her discovery of Wayne's body, she speaks of it as in what she told the police back then and not what she remembers.

I brought to her attention the fact that the individuals had said that she was unhappy living out there and that Wayne was a drinker. She stated that Wayne was nice to her and that there were no marital issues that she could remember. I talked about the financial difficulty that they had at the gas station and Marie had confirmed that they had come up short and had borrowed \$1,000 from her parents. She was unsure of whether or not they had paid that back. I then brought up the point that during our June interview, she had indicated clearly that she had gone out initially by herself and located Wayne. Marie then had contacted the Sheriff's Office and at some point once interview, approximately a half hour into the interview, Marie agrees with that and says that she had come out and found Wayne and later had worried that would be up wondering around the house and had gone back in and got him. I was clear with Marie that during her initial interview that she had indicated that her when she found Wayne and the dispatchers report had confirmed that a child had been in the background when Marie made the call to the Sheriff's Office. When I bring up this information that contradicts her current memory of the incident, she simply says, "I don't know, I can't remember everything."

I then begin to talk to Marie Pratt regarding the polygraph examination that was done back in 1964. Marie believed that the officers at that time had told her she had passed the polygraph. She stated there was some confusion over a question of whether she had received money from Wayne's death. Marie had taken that to mean, had she received life insurance, when they were actually asking if she had received the stolen money from the gas station on the night of Wayne's death. Marie remembers specifics regarding that but she still is unsure whether or not was with her when she went out. Marie describes going out by herself and contacting the police by herself, when that is clearly not what was indicated back in 1963. It was again, at approximately 30 minutes into the interview that I explained to her that we believe she has involvement in Wayne's death. She does not get excited and she does not deny it. She even asked the question, "So your going to indicate that I'm the one responsible?" Marie did not offer a denial to that and she simply moved on to the polygraph.

Marie did confirm during this section of the interview that she did receive \$20,000 in life insurance from Wayne's death. She also states that the police had questioned her as to why she had not heard any noise during the murder when she had only been about 50 feet away. She said that there was no noise. I explained to her that the life insurance was said to expire three days after Wayne's murder and she asked, "It did?" I further explained that she had spoken about this in interviews in the 60's and she again said, "I did? I don't remember." After this I again referred to her involvement and she stated that she didn't do it that she was ironing and watching TV.

Marie moved on to talking about the couple that they had gone to New Orleans with and she never becomes animated or irritated that I am accusing her of being involved in her husband's murder. I then lay out the details of

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the night of the murder and the fact that through information provided by Donna Pedersen Pratt that Wayne was aware that Marie was having an affair and Bonnie Dequaine describes the change in behavior in Wayne. Including the fact that David Sennholz called the residence shortly before Wayne's murder and also that Marie had been teasing Wayne about David Sennholz giving her attention. As I was laying all of this information out, Marie continued to say, "Yeah, Yeah." as I brought out the points. I then state clearly to Marie that doing research for this case, I wasn't able to find any readily available examples of a robbery of this little monetary significance where so many stab wounds were inflicted on the victim. Through my training and experience, the numerous stab wounds would be indicative of a known assailant. Marie states, "Right." I then describe it as a crime of anger and she says, "Passion." and then says, "Right" again as if she is agreeing with me.

I then asked Marie about the second phone call which she had placed back to the Coe agency looking to speak with David Sennholz. She had confirmed in 1963 that she had called the Coe agency back and spoke to Russell Welch, who was the office manager. At that time she had asked if her purse was still at the office. I asked her if she was trying to contact David because Wayne had confronted her about the affair and she asked me, "I was?" I then stated, "I was asking you." Marie then said, "Not that she knows but she didn't remember even making the call."

I again went over the day of Wayne's murder. I explained information that we had indicating that Wayne was aware she was having the affair, Bonnie Dequaine's information that Wayne was upset. Also with the fact that David Sennholz had called the residence and Wayne had answered and that approximately an hour after this phone call that Wayne was murdered in an act which she had described as an act of passion. I continued stating that no robber does that. At this point, Marie says in a high voice, "But I didn't do it!" I remember this point in the interview. She had sat back in her chair and tilted her head up and had looked towards an empty spot in the room. She continued stating, "I wasn't even involved in it and I have" and changed to "I had no idea". The first part of her statements and her body language were indicative of someone distancing themselves from the interviewer, this I learned through multiple interview and interrogation training opportunities. The second part of her statement where she talks about not being involved and having no idea are indications of non prompted negation, which I had also learned about in multiple trainings. In those trainings, the non prompted negation was an indicator of deception.

I pressed Marie on the fact that the robbery did not make sense and the lack of evidence throughout the gas station for such a brutal attack. Marie was stressed at this point and she stated, "I know what your saying but I was ironing clothes, I don't know anything, I don't know anything. That's all I can tell you. I don't know anything." These statements are more examples of non prompted negation. Additionally, the statement, "That's all I can tell you" is a text book example of a deceptive statement made by an individual who has more information.

I then made the comment about Marie being unhappy. She stated that she wasn't unhappy. I asked her how that could be true if she was telling individuals that she was unhappy and the fact that she was having an affair. I then brought up the fact that her mother had given a statement back in 1964 indicating that Marie did not seem too bothered by Wayne being gone. I asked Marie if she was having an affair with anyone else other than David

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Sennholz and she quietly stated "No."

At approximately 51 minutes into the interview, I began speaking with her about an incident described to us by Donna Pratt. Donna had stated in multiple interviews with her that she was present at the Webb house a couple of months after Wayne's death and after the death of Florence Kilsdonk in Outagamie County in December of 1963. Donna had stated that a male had come to the door and he had driven a truck there. This truck was not as big as a semi truck but was bigger than a pick up truck. She believed it was a box type truck. During our first interview with Donna, she stated that her father had told her that it was Marvin Kilsdonk, the husband of Florence Kilsdonk. Donna stated that she did not know him, that is what Marie Pratt's father, Mr. Webb, had told her. She had been present and that the male who had come to the door in the box type truck had wanted Marie to leave with him and Marie had stayed in the bedroom and cried and had not gone with this man. In asking Marie about this she starts with, "The only person I know, but I don't think he came to the door, but maybe he, I don't know." She then continued stating, "The only person I know, but I don't think he came to the door, maybe he, I don't, I don't know." She continues stating, "At the time that Wayne was killed they had milk delivered to them by Gear Company." Then she continues stating, "His wife was killed either before or after Wayne had been killed." Of note from this interaction with Marie, is when she is talking about this individual, she says, "At the time that Wayne was killed, we were getting milk delivered from Gear Company" and she goes right into, "And his wife was killed" she seems to be associating Gear Dairy Company milk delivery and a male individual. I try to clarify with Marie at the end of this exchange of whether this person is known to her or not and she describes the Kilsdonk homicide with the wife being stabbed and the baby on the table but ends by saying that she doesn't know that individual. She is speaking about someone that she is recalling and speaking about a party that apparently delivered for Gear Company, which Marvin Kilsdonk did.

Marie then goes right into talking about how the Sheriff's Office in 1964 had told her that they initially thought that she was involved and that she had hired somebody to kill Wayne. Marie further stated that the police had told her that they didn't actually believe that she had killed him but that rather she had hired somebody to do it. I then asked her if she had in fact hired somebody to kill Wayne and she said, "No, I have no evil thoughts in my head and did not want him killed. He wasn't mean to me." Marie then starts talking about the affair and said that she is not certain why she had the affair at that time and that it wasn't really her and continued stating that she is not the type of person that would have an affair.

It was roughly at the hour mark of the interview that I again indicated to Marie that I believe that she had involvement and that she was responsible for her husbands death. Marie stated that she wasn't involved and she repeated that again and said she had no idea anything was going on. She added that she was in doing her ironing and that her kid was sleeping on the couch. Marie continued saying that she was watching TV and all she knew is she came in and she found him. I explained to her that a robber does not stab someone they are robbing that many times and she stated, "I know and that's why I thought it was the person who escaped from I explained that Raymond Marsh, the party she was referring to, did not have a violent history and was

being held on issuing worthless checks as a Criminal charge,

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Additionally, he had been seen at a bar in Menasha at the approximate time of Wayne's death and having no known transportation to get him from one place to the next.

I also explained that the fact that Wayne had been covered up is usually an indication that the assailant was known to the victim and Marie said that she couldn't understand why he had been covered up. I again went through the facts that we are aware of that Bonnie Dequaine had contact with Wayne at 6:00pm and that he had been upset, that he was aware that she was having an affair, and that Marie had been teasing Wayne about David at work showing her attention. All of this information was documented in reports from 1963 and that David had called the house and that Wayne had answered the phone. Marie agreed that it was hard to ignore that information but she stated that she did not remember teasing Wayne. I told her that I believe that Wayne had confronted her about the affair and that things had escalated from there. Marie denied that he ever confronted her and she stated that she was never aware that Wayne had knowledge of her having an affair.

I asked Marie about not being happy at their house and she went into a several minute detailed description of their residence and the toilet, shower and water heater. Marie began to talk about the fact that Wayne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, had fights and that Mr. Pratt had pushed Mrs. Pratt down the steps. Mrs. Pratt broken her leg and that is why Donna had begun staying with Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, to take care of Mrs. Pratt. This meant that Marie would have to drive in the morning over to the Pratt's and drop off and at night drive over there and pick up. This information was very detailed and as far as other information in the reports, it appears to be accurate. Again, these are things that are going on before and around the time of Wayne's death. Marie has very inconsistent memories of the night of Wayne's death but can remember a lot of details about things that happened even before his death.

Focusing on what she had said related to the Pratt's, I confirmed with her that Mr. Pratt had been violent towards his wife, Mrs. Pratt and Marie stated, "Yes." I then stated to Marie, that type of behavior is sometimes learned by children living in that environment and she stated that she knew that but that Wayne was not mean to her. Marie further expanded on this, saying she knew that he had never struck her and that they argued but that all people argue. A short time later Marie confirmed that she was working because they were struggling financially.

The interview continues for some time. I continued to present similar information related to reports indicating they were having marital issues, the timeline that shows Wayne being upset and then the call from David Sennholz and the information provided by Marie's parents. Marie said numerous times that she didn't know anything and would add that she was ironing and watching TV while was sleeping on the couch. I reiterated that she had provided me detailed information about numerous things but still could not provide detailed information from the night of Wayne's death. This is despite the fact that in 1963 and 1964 she had provided numerous detailed accounts of what had happened. When pressed on the fact that an earlier statement provided to myself and Evidence Coordinator Skorlinski, she had stated that she had gone out and found Wayne by herself, had contact with police and then subsequently had gone back and gotten from the residence. The fact that, that information was not correct added to a dispatcher report that could be heard in the background of the

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emergency call, Marie's only answer was that she can't remember everything.

Towards the end of the interview she did state that her father was very unhappy that she was marrying a catholic, namely her second husband Jack Habelwitz, and that is why he had probably provided information that she had involvement in her first husbands murder. I explained to her that it is a very severe retaliation for not liking the religion of who your daughter was marrying to accuse her of being involved in a homicide of her first husband. Marie simply said, "Well, that's how he was." Throughout the interview, Marie had selective memory and never stated that she did not kill Wayne. Her denials were that she was not involved or she didn't know anything, or that she had no idea that anything was going on.

At the end of the interview we discussed the reburial that would be occurring the following day, 07/31/15. Marie at the very end of the interview asked if we would be able to separate blood if we found any blood on Wayne's body, if we would be able to distinguish between two different blood types. A copy of the audio recording from this interview was downloaded into the Sheriff's Office evidentiary G drive.

More investigation to come. No further information at this time.

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP026 - SKORLINSKI - 09/10/15

AUTHOR: SKORLINSKI, ROCHELLE

#### **HOMICIDE**

#### 09/10/15 R. SKORLINSKI W202

Buccal Swab Standards were obtained from Marie (Pratt) Orr (Item 20) and David Sennholz (Item 22). The standards were collected to be sent to the Crime Lab to develop DNA Profiles, to be compared with DNA, previously developed in this case.

On 09/10/15, these item were sent to the Crime Lab in Madison. The Certified Mail Transaction number is 7012 3460 0000 4021 7829. They were received at the Crime Lab on 09/11/15 by Fran Lutz. The Crime Lab Case Number is M63-8907 and Item 20 is identified as Item AK and Item 22 is identified as Item AL.

On 11/24/15, I received the Confidential Report of Laboratory Findings Form, which indicated that single source STR DNA profiles were detected from the buccal swab standards of Marie (Pratt) Orr and David Sennholz. It further states that both Orr and Sennholz are excluded from the partial single source male DNA previously detected from the cuttings of the blanket (J9, J12, J19, J20, J23, J31, J33-J38, J40, J41, J43 and J44) and the cutting of the shirt (V1). The Findings Form should be reviewed for complete details.

The Crime Lab paperwork was placed in the file.

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE SUBJECT: SUP027 - SKORLINSKI - 01/05/16

AUTHOR: SKORLINSKI, ROCHELLE

#### HOMICIDE

#### 01/05/16 R. SKORLINSKI W202

The fingernails of Wayne Pratt were removed from his body during the second autopsy, after the body had been exhumed. The fingernails (Item 21) were sent to the Crime Lab to be analyzed for DNA foreign to that of the deceased.

On 01/05/16, this item was sent to the Crime Lab in Madison. The Certified Mail Transaction number is 7012 3460 0000 4021 7911. They were received at the Crime Lab on 01/06/16 by Samantha Johns. The Crime Lab Case Number is M63-8907 and Item 21 is identified as Item AM.

On 02/04/16, I received the Confidential Report of Laboratory Findings Form, which indicated DNA isolation was attempted from the left hand fingernails (AM1), but due to the limited amount of human DNA detected, no further analysis was done. Human DNA was isolated from the right hand fingernails (AM2) and a partial, single source DNA was detected. No DNA types foreign to the victim, Wayne Pratt, were detected. Marie (Pratt) Orr and David Sennholz are excluded from this partial male STR DNA Profile. The Findings Form should be reviewed for complete details.

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: SUP028 - BRAMAN - 12/04/17 AUTHOR: BRAMAN, CHRISTOPHER

#### HOMICIDE

#### 12/04/17 1330 HOURS DET. LT. C. BRAMAN W67

On 12/04/17 I was contacted by front office staff at the Winnebago Co. Sheriff's Office window, and advised there was an individual that wanted to speak with a detective reference a cold case homicide. I went up to the front window and made contact with a female identified as Sherri L. Devereau was joined by Det. Sleeter W66 and we walked Ms. Devereau back to the detective division conference room and I recorded our contact on my recorder on my department issued cell phone.

Ms. Devereau identified herself as an intuitive, similar to a psychic and indicated that she had been, at one time, deputized by Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Maricopa Co. Sheriff's Office in Arizona and had been part of their cold case posse. She further indicated that she had written a book called, something to the effect of a Psychic EMT. During our contact with Ms. Devereau, she said she can't control the information but that she can only write it down and then try to get it to the people that need to get it. She presented me with a copy of an Oshkosh Northwestern dated Friday 11/07/14. The front page of this copy does have a large article reference the Wayne Pratt homicide from 1963. The front page is covered with handwriting, including some circles, scribbles, pictures and a lot of writing.

Ms. Devereau immediately went into describing what was on the paper. Before this, she stated that she had brought this to the Oshkosh PD approx. a year prior but she did not believe they had done anything with it. In talking about what she had written on the paper, she said that the song, Sitting on the Dock of the Bay continued to play in a loop in her head and she had tried versions an some changing of the words until she came up with Doc Sitter or Doc Stater and that she had further had some information about the Black Eyed Peas in her head and had established the first name of William from the Black Eyed Peas information from Will I Am. Ms. Devereau believes that William Doxtator was the individual who had stabbed this guy, meaning Wayne Pratt. She believes that Doxtator had music around him, lots of pianos and sound and believed he either worked on pianos or was a piano teacher. She also stated that words Judy, Judy, Judy, apparently from some old movie had been prominent and she believed that a woman named Judy played an important role in the suspect's life.

She continued, saying she believed she was sitting in the car and he came out and got a knife out of the glove box and went in and killed him, meaning Mr. Pratt and there is further writing on the paper that the suspect went into the store, then he came back out to his car. He went back in, maybe twice or three times before leaving.

During my conversation with Sherri Devereau, I asked her on multiple occasions if she had any direct information about this case, if she had spoken with anyone about this case or ever seen any reports regarding this case and

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she stated she had not. The only information she had on this case was from the newspaper article in front of me. I asked her if she knew of a person named Kevin Quest. This refers back to Det. Quick's supplement 13, dated 07 /26/13 for this case in which Det. Quick and I spoke with Kevin Quest

We were aware that Kevin Quest had referred to himself as a psychic and had done a psychic reading for Marie Pratt back in the early 2000's and that he had subsequently created a report or document, describing what he had seen psychically, reference this homicide. In a strong part of this document is that a man named Billy, who was secretly dating Marie had been part of the homicide, stabbing Wayne and that Marie had been part of the homicide, stabbing Wayne as well. In asking Ms. Devereau if she knew Kevin Quest, she stated she did not know him. I asked her if she had any other information regarding this crime and she stated she did not. She stated I could keep a copy of the newspaper that she had written on and also provided me with her cell phone number in case I had any follow up questions.

During my contact with Ms. Devereau I did not provide her with any information regarding the case or confirm any of the information that she had provided. My interview with Sherri Devereau lasted approx. 25 minutes. I then walked her out to the lobby area and thanked her for her time. I returned back to the Sheriff's Office and updated Det. Capt. Mack W6 on the information that was provided. Much of this information is very consistent with information provided in 1968 by Marilyn Hanson and Mary Gillis in their statements to police. These statements were information that they stated had come from Judy Doxtator that her husband William Doxtator had been involved in the homicide of Wayne Pratt. In 1968, Judy Doxtator had been interviewed and denied having any knowledge of William being involved and the investigation into William had been discontinued until 2009 when a Thomas Ganzel came forward and provided information to Det. Makurat, indicating that he had overheard his had sister Karol A. Hanold been talking about William Doxtator's involvement at his daughter's wedding.

Det. Makurat had followed up with Karol Hanold who had denied having any such knowledge and talking about this homicide in any manner and the investigation again had been discontinued in 2009 due to the fact Karol Hanold had not provided any confirmation and that Judy Doxtator was now deceased. At this point however, the information that had been provided by Sherri Devereau was very consistent with these reports and this line of information. Ms. Devereau was currently indicating she had received this information from other worldly sources indicating she was an intuitive and/or psychic and that was where the information was coming from.

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On 12/05/17 I was able to make phone contact with Kevin Quest, the psychic that had been interviewed by Det. Quick and I in 2013 and who had initially been involved in this investigation somewhere between 2001 and 2003. I asked Mr. Quest if he had any knowledge of Sherri Devereau and he stated he was not familiar with that person or that name. I asked him if when he was involved in the case if he had ever been provided any reports or any information related to the case and Mr. Quest stated he was shown some photos from the crime scene and provided a lighter from the victim but had never been shown any reports. He stated that the sequence of events

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for him had been Marie coming in to get a reading and then subsequent contact by the Sheriff's Office asking about the reading and he stated he had been shown the photos and eventually taken to the grave site and had provided the Sheriff's Office with that document. Mr. Quest confirmed that he believed the time frame for when this had all occurred was 2001 to 2003.

Again, he was not familiar with Sherri Devereau and had stated he hadn't provided her any information. On 12/05 /17 I attempted to call the party identified in the 1968 report as Mary Gillis who I now believe is Mary P. Ullman Initially, I did not make any contact with that party. I also made a phone call to the party identified in the 1960's reports as a Karol Hanold and later identified in the 2009 report by Det. Makurat as Karol Hanold. I called her at her cell phone number of I was able to make contact with Karol. I identified myself as a Sheriff's Detective with the Winnebago Co. Sheriff's Office and that I was calling in reference to the Pratt homicide. Karol almost immediately said that she did not want to talk to me about it. I asked her to confirm her sister Mary's phone number and she provided that to me but reiterated that she did not want to speak to me reference this case.

# 12/06/17 1000 HOURS DET. LT. C. BRAMAN W67

On 12/06/17 myself and Evidence Coordinator Rochelle Skorlinski W202 were able to make contact via telephone with Mary P. Ullman, formerly Mary Gillis who is the party that provided a statement on 12/04/68 to the Sheriff's Office Sgt. Cowling. At that point she was identified as Mrs. Patrick Mary Gillis. In speaking with her reference this investigation I asked if she had remembered talking to the police back in the 60's and Mary stated she did remember talking to the police and had told them what she had heard from Judy, meaning Judy Doxtator. I asked her if she remembered what Judy had told her and Mary said, I do remember but it would be hearsay and at this point, Mary stopped, paused and corrected herself and then said, well I guess it wouldn't be hearsay as I heard it directly from her, but Judy had told us that she thought William had been part of the murder of that gas station guy. He had been gone during the time of the crime. He had a car matching the description seen at the gas station, that he didn't have any money and then the day after the murder he had cash and that Judy had also told her that the next day she had found a bloody knife under the driver's seat.

I was familiar with the report in which Mary had provided in 1968 and I knew that some of the information she had just given me was in there. The fact that Judy and Bill had been in the vicinity of the filling station the night Wayne Pratt had been murdered and that he didn't have money and then he did. I talked with Mary for a little bit about why she thought that her sister Karol would not talk to me reference this investigation and Mary said Karol did not want to be involved in it and Mary also talked about the fact that both Karol and Judy were afraid of Billy, as she called him, which would be William Doxtator. She said that if Judy had said anything back then, that she wouldn't have been around very long, meaning that she thought that William Doxtator would have harmed Judy for talking to the police.

More than one time during my conversation Mary, she said that Billy was a scary guy and that people were intimidated by him. At the end of the conversation with Mary, we asked her if she knew the name Sherri Devereau

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and Mary laughed and said oh yeah, that's my, in her words, 'crazy niece'. She stated Sherri Devereau was her older sister Marilyn's daughter and that Sherri thinks she is a psychic. She said that we shouldn't listen to a word that Sherri says. Mary further stated that Marilyn was well aware of the information in this series of reports regarding William Doxtator and in fact Marilyn Hanson gives a statement to the Sheriff's Office on 12/03/68 to Sgt. Cowling and Marilyn Hanson was actually the individual that began the 1968 portion of the investigation into William Doxtator after she is talked to by her sisters, Mary Gillis and Karol Hanold, after they had talked to Judy Doxtator.

It is clear that Sherri Devereau would have had the information that she provided us on 12/04/17. The information that she indicated was intuitive or psychically received would have been information that has been in their family since 1968. The information that is important from this new set of contacts was the information provided by Mary Ullman, formerly Mary Gillis in which she now says that Judy had told her about the bloody knife under the driver's seat. She had repeated that statement later in our phone contact so she had brought that point up twice. This information had not been brought forward until this point and Mary Ullman stated she heard it directly from Judy Doxtator who was married to William Doxtator, the suspect. Because of this new information myself and evidence coordinator Skorlinski had been reviewing DNA submissions and other evidential submissions for this case and looking at information regarding William Doxtator as a suspect, we will be in contact with the forensic lab for possible further submittals and potentially writing legal process for William Doxtator for a DNA standard. No further information.

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AUTHOR: SKORLINSKI, ROCHELLE

**HOMICIDE** 

#### 05/08/18 R. SKORLINSKI W202

On 01/09/18, Evidence Item 33; a buccal swab standard recovered from William Doxtator, was sent to the Crime Lab in Madison, the Certified Mail Transaction number is 7014 1820 0000 4497 1675. It was received by the Crime Lab on 01/10/18 by Mikayla Sket. The Crime Lab Case Number is M63-8907 and Item 33 is identified as item AP. This item was sent to the lab to be analyzed and compared with DNA previously developed in this case.

On 05/08/18, I received the Confidential Report of Laboratory Findings Form, which indicated a single source male STR DNA profile was developed from item AP (33). This profile (William Doxtator) is excluded from the partial, single source male STR DNA profiles previously detected from the cuttings (J9, J12, J19, J20, J23, J31, J33-J38, J40, J41, J43 and J44) of the blanket, the cutting (V1) of the shirt and the washing (AM2) of the right hand fingernails. The Findings Form should be reviewed for complete details.

The Crime Lab paperwork was placed in the file.

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SUBJECT: SUP030 - SKORLINSKI - 02/19/19

AUTHOR: SKORLINSKI, ROCHELLE

#### **HOMICIDE**

#### 02/19/19 R. SKORLINSKI W202

On 07/26/18, Evidence Items 29, 30, 31 and 32; all latent lifts, were sent to the Crime Lab in Madison, the Certified Mail Transaction number is 7014 1820 0000 4497 1927. They were received by the Crime Lab on 07/31/18 by Elizabeth Fontaine, The Crime Lab Case Number is M63-8907 and Items 29 through 32 were identified as items AR, AS, AT and AU, respectively. These items were sent to the lab to be analyzed for friction ridge detail.

On 02/19/19, I received the Confidential Report of Laboratory Findings Form, which indicated AR, AS, AT and AU were visually examined for friction ridge detail and items AS and AU revealed friction ridge detail that is suitable for comparison and further designated as AS-frd1 and AU-frd1. Additionally, the crime lab pulled stored images of previously submitted friction ridge detail, which was determined to be suitable for comparison (from the door and door frame leading to the back storage room) and designated them as FRD1 through FRD10.

FRD1, FRD2, FRD5, FRD6, FRD7, FRD9, FRD10, AS-frd1 and AU-frd1 were searched through AFIS and FBI Next Generation Identification System with no identification effected. This friction ridge detail has been registered with WI AFIS Unsolved and FBI NGI Unsolved to be searched against incoming records and our agency will be notified if an identification is made in the future. The Findings Form should be reviewed for complete details.

The Crime Lab paperwork was placed in the file.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - UNK DATE - COWLING, DUANE

**Duane Cowling** 

Clarence Pratt worked for Duane in 56 and 57. Wayne lived with his folks at that time. Clarence was a guard man. Wayne worked occasionally while they lived here. Wayne was about 16 or 17 at the time, was a good kid, quiet type.

Duane plowed snow for Wayne. Wayne owed him a little money for plowing snow, \$28. Wayne was going to pay him all at once instead of a small amount at a time. Wayne had explained that because of the gas war in Neenah, Menasha and Appleton, his business wasn't what it used to be. Wayne was quiet and seemed to get along with everybody. Don't know if any one who didn't get along with him.

Clarence liked his beer, but couldn't be considered a boozer. At this time Clarence Pratt had a maroon colored Chev, between a 42 and 47. Last five years or so he had an Edsel. Wayne had an Edsel about the same time as his father. Clarence was bad at paying bills. He wasn't too dependable.

Duane recalls that there was a plastic handled letter opener on the desk. He had this letter opener in his hand. Blade was about 3/4-inch wide. Entire length of letter opener was about 7-8 inches. This letter opener was usually on the desk in the station. Wayne's mother used to drink a lot and could very easily out drink Clarence.

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Donald Dobberke - 16

Don recalls that he used to ride the school bus and that Ken Shrader, and Dick and tom had been talking a lot. Some other kids talking about this was Jim Towns, Dick Stark. Town's lives down on towards further where there is a harbor and some channels dredged in there.

These boys were talking about getting some fast money. Used to be kind of a funny guy that worked the station. These boys used to give this guy a five dollar bill and they used to get more change back than they had him originally. These boys talked about seeing a gun behind the counter. Shrader and the Kaufmann boys had seen this gun.

These boys were discussing the possibility of knocking off the station. Shrader was supposed to have said later on about someone knocking the place over.

Kay Boss was on the phone with another girl and they mentioned the dump being knocked over. Kay is described as being pretty wild sometimes.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - UNK DATE - ERICKSON, ROBERT

Robert Harold Erickson

Robert Erickson stated that he was driving down to Oshkosh on Hwy 41. He left Menasha at 8:40 p.m. He looked at the clock just before he came over the bridge through Neenah and he didn't look at this watch, but he feels that it would have been about 8:50 p.m. when he got there. He stopped for no more than three stop signs and no trains. He entered on Hwy 41.

When he got to the Enco Station, the lights were out and the door was open, and he saw no one in the station. Nor was there any cars. He couldn't figure why the lights were out because it was getting pretty dark by that time. There was no one with him. After he went past the station, he went to the outdoor movie. He continued on Hwy 41 until he got to hwy 44. Didn't see any squad cars or nothing. He heard about it the next day when he read it in the paper.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - UNK DATE - MANTZEL, KATHERINE

Mrs. Katherine Mantzel

This man in question was at a service station on the night of June 12th and a man came into the station and had the car filled up with gas. While he was filling the car up, he noticed that the seat of the car had blood on it. This man apparently had blood on his face and hands. The man in the car went and washed his face and hands. The attendant noticed that this man in the car had what appeared to be blood on his clothing. The attendant asked the man if he had been in an accident or something, and the man just got into his car and took off. The attendant got an oil can out of the car for the police to try to get fingerprints off from.

Check with Marge Leher. She works at the Warf Tavern. One of the little girls was grabbed by a tall blond fellow. This was the night after the murder. The man who grabbed the girl was supposed to have told the 13 year old girl to shut up or she would get the same as the mother's nephew. This would be Wayne Pratt.

The mother called the police that night. Marge's present husband's name is Frank. Her former husband's name was Leher. Frank Leahner - Lehner - husband picks up junk (Margaret)

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - UNK DATE - MORACK, MILTON

Mrs. Milton Morack

Owns the Fremont Café in Fremont

Stated that a party by the name of Jim Wittelstadt.

No permanent address, but have been in Fremont area for the last few years. Fremont is his original home town. Worked in Oshkosh at Pluswood Industries or at Plywood Oshkosh.

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Hasn't worked for the past six or eight weeks. Always has a lot of money to spend. He goes with a woman, Mrs. Mary Hill. She owns a light colored '58 Pontiac. She is a very rough character. Home town of Mrs. Hill is New London. Several years ago she went to California. Convicted out there for car theft. She always had an Indian blanket in the car.

The blanket was noticed to be missing by Mrs. Morack's children the day after the Pratt murder. For two or three days after the murder, Jim Wittelstadt was in a very nervous condition.

Wittelstadt and Mrs. Hill had an argument in the restaurant shortly after the Pratt murder. Jim told Mary that either she would have to come to time or he would squawk on her.

They also churn around with a David Wege and Joe Wittelstadt. Wege has a car make and model unknown, but is maroon on the bottom and white on top. They took the '58 Pontiac to C.H. Peter's garage in Fremont for repair work. He let them use another car.

The car that he let them use, they had (Jim and Mary) had a trailer hitch put on it. This borrowed car was loaded with stuff and Peters came into the restaurant and demanded the keys back. He was afraid that they were going to take off with the car.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - UNK DATE - PRATT INSURNCE INFO

The following is a list of insurance on Wayne Pratt.

Melvin Timmel agent Appleton

#1. Aid Association for Lutheran's - paid a claim on June 21 for \$17,293.80 which was \$5,000.00 face value. \$5,000.00 double indemnity and 7268 which was a decreasing rider on a 20 year basis. The premium was \$29.20 quarterly and was due June 16, 1963. They would have renewed a premium notice on or about June 2. Wayne's last payment was made on April 24th which was somewhat over the 31 day grace period, but there was enough cash value to the policy that it wouldn't have been cancelled out if that premium had not been paid. The policy had a 31 day grace period on it, and it was taken off 06/16/60. At that time Wayne stated he had no other insurance and on the death claim, Marie stated she had no other insurance.

There was an accident claim presented to the Trust National Casualty Co. of Fond du Lac, Wis. The beneficiary was Mrs. Wayne Pratt and she was paid \$1,200.00 by the company July 18, 1963.

There also is another policy with a death benefit on his robbery insurance. Merle Stone agent. The amount of the claim in this insurance was \$144.92 and is with Great Central Insurance Co. In addition to that form, this policy his estate renewal \$500.00 death payment.

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#### Bill Buckhart

Knew Wayne Pratt 3 - 3 ½ years before he was married. Went to Pennsylvania. Went the week of the 4th. Saw Wayne twice a month, almost six times last year. He was a nice guy. Tiney stayed at Y.M.C.A. Jim was his first name. Y. C. Symm was the desk clerk at Y.M.C.A. Jim was at the desk at night. Took out to Wayne's place. They played cards. When they left, he said that looks like a pretty easy place to rob. Knows that Tiney was there since, but Bill doesn't know why. Last time he saw Wayne alive was in spring time. Stole a knife from a place in Appleton once.

Bill Buckhart later turned in a screwdriver that he found in his car that the thought was a threat to him.

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John Geropke

He stated on 06/12/63 that Works for Thill which is next door to Kubiaks. Raymond Marsh was working at Kubiaks next door. He came over to John and wanted to borrow some tools. John lent Raymond a small hand cultivator and showed him where the tools were behind the garage. John then went back by the road and worked. He later found the cultivator hanging on the wall behind the garage where the rest of the tools are. He didn't see Ray March after that.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - UNK DATE - MAURITZ, ALBERT & YVONNE

Albert Mauritz & Yvonne Mauritz



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mauritz stated that it was around supper time about 6:30 or 6:45 p.m. that he, his wife and daughter, drove to Neenah and went to Locknings Supper Club and had supper there. They sat in a booth and when they first came in this man, Raymond Marsh, who was identified by both Mr. and Mrs. Mauritz and Marie. They stated that while there, this man sat in the booth behind theirs. He and the Mauritz's got into a conversation and he talked about being a chef in Madison. He also said that he stopped at the Hitch and had some hot dogs and that that didn't agree with him. Mostly talked about cooking.

They talked for a while and then went up to the bar and Marsh bought them a drink and they bought Marsh one and he had had a brandy. He went to the bathroom and they finished their drink and left. He was still in the bathroom when they left. After they left, which was about 7:30 p.m., they drove down Wisconsin down to the swimming pond and through the park. Drove 45-50 MPH. They then drove to Hwy 41 and down to Oshkosh to Hwy 26 and into Vic Jordans. They did not have the lights on in their car. After they were in Jordans a short time, the bartender turned on the lights and a while later they went home. They got home between 9:00 p.m. and 9:30 p. m. It was dark when they left Vic's.

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Richard John Geiger - 37

After seeing picture, thinks he saw Marsh in Bert and Ben's Tavern on Racine St. in Menasha on 06/12/63 at between 9:30 and 9:45 p.m. Party was asking where he could rent a room. Told him to go to Bo Haiks on

Told him to

go on 2nd St. near St. Mary's Church near Racine.

Noticed man because his pants didn't fit right; all bunched up in back. Had on a funny patterned shirt. Shirt similar to picture except it may be darker. Light colored thin jacket. Pants had been washed many times. Probably could have been charcoal colored with smaller lines in it. Very poor fit.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - UNK DATE - LINDSEY, MELVIN

Melvin Lindsey

Melvin Lindsey works at the Whiting Paper Mill. He does not work near the incinerator, but sometimes gets into the area where it is. Melvin said that he knows Russell Merrill by sight and would recognize Russell if he saw him, but is not a good friend of Russell's. Melvin said that he has never seen Russell Merrill around the incinerator at the paper mill and as far as Melvin knows, no one that doesn't work at Whiting's ever burns things in the incinerator there or at least he has never seen anyone who doesn't work there put anything in the incinerator. He said that his father Clifford Lindsey,

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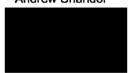
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Andrew Shandor



At the request of Lt. Richard Guenther and Sgt. Richard Schuchel of the Brown Co. Sheriff's Dept. made a character check on Andrew Shandor also known as Andy Sanders and Fidling Andy. Mr. Shandor works for Wilkens Chamers in Green Bay and has no police record; except a minor traffic accident recently. He drives a 1953 Ford 4-door and prior to that drove a Ford station wagon. He has been around Green Bay as far as they can determine for the past 15 years and before that he may have come from Pennsylvania. This check was made as a result of an anonymous phone call from a woman who said to check him out in the Pratt case.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - UNK DATE - BLAYNEK, FLORENCE

Information from Detroit P.D. files of investigation.

Florence Blaynek

Met Marsh in June 1963. Supposedly introduced by Jean Ronald.

Marsh was arrested 11/15/63 under the name of Arden T. Putzkie for drunk. Also on 12/04/63 for drunk.

Receipt from Red Rooster, Souix Falls, June 18, 1963 in personal effects. Cash register tab. He used the name of Art Allen while in Detroit.

He also had in his possession a fishing license. Howard William Neale Jr.,

Donated blood 09/28/63 and get \$5.00 for it.

He went to Mayor's Rehabilitation Committee, 585 Larnef, alcoholism center. 12/13/63 - 12/31/63 came for daily counseling and borrowed \$3.00. Counselor Del Gay.

At the time of the accident, Marsh was living at the Mariner's Inn which is adjoining the parking lot where he was killed. Live at Mariner's Inn from 12/17/63 to 01/06/64. Mariner's Inn is a hotel for skid row.

Letter dated December 6, 1963 from Florence Blaynek to Arden Putzkie, while in Christian Enterprises; a place for down and outers.

Christoffs

Also had a letter to Mr. Lawrence White from a person in which is where he last lived. Receipts etc. in the letter are from Feb. 1962 and that was the last White was at that address. He evidently stole this letter too.

Receipt Willard Hotel 08/26/63.

The Detroit P.D. was investigating the possibility of Raymond Marsh being involved in a murder in their area and

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found that he was in jail on the day it was committed, so could not have been involved. The officers that made the investigation of Raymond were Detectives Herman Wagner and Henry LaHousse of the homicide bureau.

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Herman Hopfensberger

No way of getting any money. Paid \$226 cash on a record player or higher.

Burmeister

Lt. Burmeister checked this fellow out and there is a good reason why this fellow had the \$226.00. He had bought himself a car and had drawn the money out of the Credit Union. Hopfensberger's father would not let him have the car and he (the father) traded it in on a 1963 Chev. He then gave his son the \$220.00 plus \$5.00 for interest and told him that if he had to spend it, he should buy something else with it. Herman then bought the Hi Fi Set and paid the money down on it. Herman is now in jail at Appleton on another charge. This money deal is all okay according to Lt. Burmeister.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - UNK DATE - KLOEHN, PEARL

Mrs. Pearl Kloehn -Wayne Lehr - Eugene Lehr

Kay Mentzel said about an oil station seeing blood on a man.

Husband Charles Kloehn works for Joe Blackburn. Pearl or her husband don't have a car. Haven't had a car since they were married. Raynold was married to Pearl's sister, Pearl is Wayne's aunt.

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Mrs. Orant Clausing

Her husband traded at Pratt's once. Harlan Clausing went there one or twice during the winter. The boy is 36 years old. Jim Clausing also.

Mrs. Clausing recalls wondering why the lights weren't turned on in the station at about 8:50 that evening.

Harlan drives a 1954 Ford, blue bottom, white top, 2-door.

Jim drives a 1959 or 1969 Ford Galaxy, maroon colored.

Kaufman boys used to drive an older model, faded out, red Mercury.

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Storch

#### Marlyn Lindemuth

Mrs. Hazel Burnette Raymond Rowell - wife Complete verification Long View Wash Monday night about 8:00 p.m. In Chicago on 14th Staved at Sheridan Rd. Everyone slept on mon Tuesday night slept in Wyoming Traveled Route 30 to Chicago 56 Pontiac Left Chicago about 10:00 to 11:00 p.m. Wednesday night drove straight through Ralph Rowell been in home for boys at Waukesah Gerald Lindemuth once for drunk and disorderly Verified by Raymond Rowell's wife.

Marlyn Lindemuth - Chicago phone #
Cleary P.D., Detective Renfroe, Detective Area 6
Sgt. Storch - Robbery detail

I called Sgt. Storch of the Detective Bureau on the Chicago Police and he checked out the details of the arrival into Chicago; departure from Washington and the departure from Chicago on these two fellows. He talked to Marlyn Lindemuth and to the wife of Raymond Rowell. When talked to separately, each of these bore out the stories of the two men in that they arrived in Chicago, they got into Chicago at the time indicated by the suspects.

Mrs. Lindemuth gave a very good account about the trip out here from California, and also stated that they had left on Monday the 10th of June at about 8:00 p.m. Up until this time, Gerald Lindemuth and Ralph Rowell had not bee allowed to call their relatives in Chicago and would have not had a chance to get a story cooked up with them.

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Due to the departure time from Washington, it would be impossible for these two men to leave there at 8:00 p.m. amd be her 49-hours later to be connected in this thing.

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Officer Fuller,	
During the investigation of the Wayne Pratt murder, we rect to check for them on the whereabouts of a Toledo has a warrant for arrest for with a Thomas Ryan,	r Juvenile Delinquency. was supposedly traveling
Ryan is supposed to be driving a 1951 white top, blue bott warrant for Ryan for contributing to the delinquency of a mill call These two people were supposed to b Valley Fair.	
I talked to Mr. Paul E. Miller, one of the owners of the carnical for a short time. He claims that they run across they represented themselves as being man and wife. The started working for the show. This should have been on J and worked with it until 4:00 p.m. on 06/12/63, at which tin work.	ey young people just out side of and that ey followed the show to East Chicago Hgts where they une 2, 1963. They came to Appleton with the carnival
They had drawn all the pay they had coming, so Mr. Miller supposed to have hung around the carnival until about 11: been seen since. They did say that they were going to go	:00 p.m. on 06/12/63. They left at that time and haven't
A letter will be sent off advising them of this and because of the close resemblance to the car at the Pratt E	asking for a character check on Thomas Ryan, Enco Station on the night of the murder.
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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - UNK DATE - BARNDT, RAYMOND OFFICER

Raymond Barndt Oshkosh P.D.

Raymond Barndt stated that he is the officer that took the call from Mrs. Pratt at the Enco Station on the night that her husband was murdered. He stated that when she called that she was historical and finally gave her name. She said, "Send the ambulance, I just got here and found my husband in a pool of blood by the back door" and said, "Send the ambulance." He could hardly understand her. She was loud and shrill and there was a child crying in the background. After that he notified the Sheriff's Dept

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 05/15/63 - PHONE CALLS FROM PRATT STATION

Telephone calls made long-distance from the Pratt Enco Station during the months of May and June, 1963.



Back roads.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 06/13/63 - PREY, ROBERT

Lt. Guenther

At 4:40 a.m. 06/13/63 while 38 and I were parked on 41 near the Enco Station, a Post Office truck stopped and a Robert Prev told us that last night he came by the station on his way to Oshkosh and he noticed a 52 or 53 light green Buick 2-door with something on the roof parked facing north at the pumps of the Enco Station.

He noticed no one in the car and no activity at the station. He said that he then came towards Oshkosh on 45 and got behind a squad car south of J and then the squad car turned around by Sarres Supper Club and headed north again on 45 with its red light on. This must have been one of our cars when they got the call. He said that the Buick looked like it was arepaint job. His phone is GT-41495 in Green Bay. Prey said that it was about 20 to 9:00 p.m. when he came by the station.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 06/13/63 - VONDERLOH TO GUENTHER

06/13/63

#### Lt. Guenther

I made a check of the following taverns and showed the bartenders the picture of Raymond Marsh and asked if they could remember him being in there place last night.

Lake Short---Neg

Paines Point---Neg

Dew Drop--- Neg #41

Eagles Cub Neenah---Neg

Al and Flo's Neenah---gave to #41

Fahls Neenah---Neg

Nee Vin---One said no couldn't see other, they would call.

Bud's Airport---He thought he might have. His wife said no.

Looses---Neg

Clausens---Neg

Rail---Neg

Club Osh .--- Neg

Pastime---#41

Tommys---Neg

Viv Sparkies---#41

Bill Smiths---Neg

Poienseta and Empty Cabins---Neg

Stop and Go---#41

#46 G. Vonderloh

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9202367300Q Incident Number: WI63-000255 ENTERED DATE/TIME: 1/1/2012 00:03:00 NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 06/14/63 - SGT. SORENSON Sgt. Sorenson 8:30 a.m. 06/14/63 called. Stated last night her Mrs. Louis Kruger, had gotten a ride from a stranger driving a 53 Plymouth, color dark purple or blue. Stated her had gotten in this car at Mr. Pee Bee was traveling south. Stated this fellow acted peculiar and nervous. Stated description of this man dressed in dirty blue washed out short pants, no stockings, wearing like muc luc shoes or from her slippers and wearing a dirty t-shirt white, blond hair. Stated her had told her when this man stopped to let her out of the car in front of their home, this man said you can pray for me now. Sqt. Sorenson, this happened at around 11:00 p.m. 06/13/63 and complainant called at above time. Officer Hardy 2:15 p.m. 06/14/63 the picture of Raymond Marsh. He says the full face shot looks something like the man Showed that picked up; however the man had short hair. The side shot doesn't look like the man.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 06/14/63 - FULLER TO GUENTHER

#### Lt. Guenther

On 06/14/63 at about 12:20 a.m. I me a fellow in the Wayside Inn on CTH P. This man was a Richard John Geiger, He thought that by the description given over the air of Marsh, he may have possibly seen him on the night before.

I got a picture of Marsh from the Neenah P.D. and took it out there. This man thinks that he was correct and that the man he saw was Marsh. Especially after looking at him from the side shot on the photo. This was supposed to be at Bert and Ben's Bar on Racine St. just north of 3rd St. in Menasha. The time does not match with the time that Marsh was supposed to be in the Dew Drop Inn south of Neenah.

Geiger claims that on the evening of 06/12/63 at no later than 9:45 p.m. he was in Bert and Ben's Bar and that he was sitting right along side of the person in question. This fellow was asking where he could rent a room for the night. Geiger and the bartender told him about a place on This is supposed to be on the north side of They also told him of a place that rents rooms to men on the second place west of the or the St. Mary's Church. Geiger does not know the street address of either of these houses.

The bartender may have told the man about another place, but Geiger is not sure. Geiger does not know the last name of the bartender, but his first name was supposed to be "John." Bert and Ben's Bar was closed before I finished talking to Geiger. Geiger said that the pictures had a very close resemblance to the person he had seen. He said that the man was wearing an unusually designed shirt; almost like the one on the picture, except that it may have been darker colored. He had on a light colored thin jacket, and the pants were probably a charcoal colored pair that had been washed many times and were very faded out.

These pants probably had small stripes in them, but were barely visible. The pants were a very poor fit and were all bunched up at his waist where he had his belt pulled tight. This was the most outstanding feature that Geiger noticed. He figured that the pants were several sized too big for the man around the waist.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 06/14/63 - SANDERS, PATRICK

June 14, 1963

As I recall the evening of June 12, 1963, I called 10/8 in C-2 at 8:13 p.m. At about 8:30 p.m. I proceeded north on Hwy 45, turned east onto CTH J and went out to the Carp Pond, turned around, and went back onto CTH J going west toward Hwy 45. I then turned south onto Hwy 45, and went down as far as "Sarres Supper Club", went through the parking lost and then proceeded north on Hwy 45 to Hwy 41.

I then went north on Hwy 41 to Hwy 114, then west on 114 to Hwy 45, then south on Hwy 45. "Gave 9:00 p.m. location at 45 & GG." I then turned off Hwy 45 onto Brooks Rd. Drove down to Shady Lane, turned around, and went back to Hwy 45 south, went under 41 viaduct, turned north on ramp road and then turned east onto Indian Point Rd. over to CTH A, then north again.

Between Indian Point Rd. and CTH GG at 9:06 p.m. received a call of a car hitting a deer on 41 near G, and that the party would be waiting at the Shell Station at the Fox Point Shopping Center. When I was at 41 and CTH GG, #33 received a call to go to the Enco Station on 41 & 45 at 9:08 p.m.

Officer Patrick Sanders #49 Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept.

This statement was requested from me,

By Lt. Guenther

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 06/14/63 - WATERS, WILLIAM

William R. Waters

Came in on June 14, 1963. He told us that the car we were looking for was parked over on number of the car was W72-392. Listed to a Charles F. Wheeler, 1952 2-tone blue with a car carrier on top. Parked there at 4:30 p.m. on June 14. Parked in front of 641 Pearl. This is the home of Holy E. Whithers.

Waters was apparently moving Wheeler has no record On June 14th he was living at

July 30, 1963

Bill now recalls that he was suspicious of this car because some fellow was putting things in the rear seat of this car. He put a suit case of box of something into the rear seat of the car. Bill seems to think that this car was a 2door and he says that it looked like a hard top. The car was further described as a "medium" blue, with a white, cream colored, or a real light blue top. This first appearance would be that the car was blue and white. He describes this as between a 1951 and a 1953 Buick.

The car had a big boxy type car top carrier on it. It took up most of the top of the car. I had sides about 2-feet high on the sides. It was painted blue also and was close to the same color of the car, but may have been a darker blue. This car top carrier appeared to be a homemade carrier. Bill thinks that the car was about averages, as to cleanliness. It wasn't freshly washed, but it was wasn't too dirty either. He doesn't know if it had white walls or not. He doesn't know anything else about the car.

He was asked if the front end seemed to be riding extra low or if the rear end was riding extra high. He seem to think that the rear end could have been riding hight, but he isn't sure because the car was sitting in a sloped driveway.

The person who was putting things in the car was probably around 35 years old. He was probably around 5'7" or 5'8". He had dark hair. He was of kind of a slim build; around 155 lbs. The fellow had on a cap. It looked as though the man had longer hair. The car was pulled up beside a house on the south side of the street.

W79-392 at 3:45 p.m. This light colored Buick was in front of Listed to Florence Withers,

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was there on 07/30/63. The plate #W72-392. Listed to Wheeler on a 1957 Buick 2-door.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 06/15/63 - PRATT'S FUNERAL

#### Officer Fuller

06/15/63. While the funeral of Wayne Pratt was being held, I stood in the background and observed all persons that came to the funeral. Just before the services began I observed two young men come into the church. Mr. Westgor asked them if they were friends or relatives and these boys snubbed him off short. They then went on into the church and sat in the next to the last pew. It seemed strange to me in that they walked right by the casket which was open at the time and neither one of these boys even glanced at the body.

These boys were not dressed as you would normally expect to see a person dresses at a funeral in that neither of them had on a suit coat. They did have on white, short-sleeved sport shirts and each of them wore a tie. They had on tight legged dark colored pants; probably black. When these boys left the church I observed them get into a car bearing license number Y93-542.

At this time Sgt. Ritchie from the Neenah P.D. was with me and we approached the boys explaining to them that we were both police officers and that we could pretty well identify all the people there except them, and we asked for some identification. One of the boys was a Roger Arnold Tellock

The other was a Lee R. Quimby

The car license was listed to an Idell Quimby of the same address

Tellock explained that they used to work for Wayne Pratt from time to time and that he was supposed to work for him on Friday and Saturday, June 14 and 15, because Pratt's sister was getting married.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 06/15/63 - ARNEMANN, HAROLD

06/15/63

Officer Fuller

On a pad in the Enco Station were two Parkway phone numbers and some notations on this were the figures ½ to 1/4 - 8:00 o'clock, the letter "s" and a figure of 31.00 on this slip was the phone number PA 2-5011. This is listed to the Tews Beer Depot on N. Church St. in Neenah.

I talked to the owner, Harold W. Arnemann, He stated that Wayne Pratt was married to his son's wife's sister and that Wayne had called him about a week ago in regards to some beer for the wedding of his sister which was supposed to be on Saturday, June 15, 1963. Wayne had ordered a 1/2 barrel and 2-1/4 barrels of beer. Mr. Arnemann had quoted him a price of about 31.00 for the beer and ice. This was to be delivered to the American Legion Club in Neenah at 8:00 p.m. on 06/15/63.

The PA number on the pad was PA 2-9809. This is listed to the American Legion Club in Neenah. I verified the fact that the hall at the Legion Club had been reserve for Wayne Pratt's sister's weeding on that night.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 06/15/63 - JOHNSON, BUD

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Bud Johnson - Bud's Airport Tavern

Officer Fuller talked to Bud Johnson in regards to the fellow asking for a ride into Neenah on June 12, 1963. Bud claims that is all a bunch of baloney and that no such incident happened as was described by Gordon McCunn.

Bud recalls that he had flown to Stevens Point and was up there on the date and time in question. It was dark when he got home because his wife had to turn on the airfield lights for him to land. He does say that on Wednesday night, June 12, he locked up the tavern early and was going to go to bed because he was tired.

He claims that the tavern lights had been out for about 15 minutes when all at once a rather rough looking fellow came in and sat on the bar and had one beer. This man Bud had no idea who it could be. Neither does he know whether this man was driving a car or not. He could not identify this man as Raymond Marsh.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 06/15/63 - BERRELL, DOC

06/15/63

Doc. Berrell

Last fall Cook had Peterson when he went into a house Pushed the lady around when she caught him going through her house. Peterson was supposed to be in put there for drunkenness by his mother. Check for a letter opener that may be missing from the station. Peterson went in by a Francis Miller on A.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 06/15/63 - MCCUNN, GORDON

June 15, 1963 6:45 p.m.

## Mr. Gordon McCunn

Mr. McCunn came to Neenah P.D. and offered information that he had picked up in a tavern last night. This he picked up at Sparky & Vin's Tavern.

What he heard was that on Wednesday night, June 12, 1963, at just before darkness, a man walked up Hwy 41. He stopped at "Bud's" Airport Tavern and asked for a ride into town. At first Bud refused and in a few minutes he changed his mind and decided to take the fellow into town. He left the tavern and went outside, but the man was gone and bud supposedly could not see him walking either way on 41. Later he started thinking that possibly the man could have slept over night in one of the hangers.

Bud was supposed to have recognized this man as being Arnold "Pete" Peterson. Peterson is supposed to be in Waupun State Prison now.

Pete Peterson may be out of Waupun by now.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 06/16/63 - WALLACE, WILLIAM

June 16, 1963 11:00 a.m.

William Myron Wallace

Bill was picked up by Captain Harwood on Hwy 110 near Butte Des Morts. This was shortly before 11:00 a.m. on June 15, 1963. He was walking towards Butte Des Morts, Wis.

He was intending to micrimike to Toman
Bill is now divorced. He was married to a Virginia Morton She is now living Her
husband's name is James Cox. He has four children; two of them living with her parents
two are living with her sister (Kathryn Aspe)  His children are George Robert Wallace,
Kenneth William Wallace, Debra Dianne Wallace, and Elizabeth Joyce Wallace. He doesn't know their age.
Tronnest William Wallace, Debia Blainie Wallace, and Elizabeth boyce Wallace. The doesn't know their age,

Bill has served 30-days in Denver, Colorado for vagrancy about 6-8 months ago. After serving the 30-days, he was picked up for fighting with a detective and served another 5-days in jail. Bill has not had a regular job for about two years. His Social Security check goes directly to his children for support.

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He then went directly back to again. He claims that he traveled back to by bus again; getting back into another examination, but wrote them a letter saying that he couldn't make it because he didn't have the money to get there on.
Claims he never left after the trip to His nerves got so bad that he made up his mind to go back to for help. He left on Friday, June 14, 1963 at about Noon. He claims that he hitchhiked up for this and got a ride with a truck driver. The truck was a "Case" Co. truck. He picked him up at And gave him a ride way to where he dropped him off by the Case Co. The truck came up here empty and apparently loaded up here with farm machinery.
He got to about dark on Friday night and started walking out Hwy 110. He couldn't get a ride that night so when he got to the old filling station he crawled into an old car and spent the night there. He must have gotten there about 11:00 or 12:00 at night. He slept until about 8:00 or 9:00 in the morning. He spent the night at a Texaco Station in a station wagon. He laid down in the seat of the car.
Last person that saw him in was the hotel keeper. He is an old fellow, but Bill doesn't know his name.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 06/18/63 - WINNEBAGO STATE HOSPITA	AL.
06/11/63	
Two letters received from Raymond Marsh:	
#1 dated June 12, 5:00 p.m., from Mrs. Lucille G. Wilt,	
#2 dated 06/13/13 from Loretta Taulbee,	
Was treated as the usual alcoholic because there was no mention of his pr	revious criminal activity
July 10, 1963 Warrant for Worthless Checks. P.D. Madison.	
progress. Probably did not know detainer.	
Was allowed to work at Dr. Kubiack	's house on the morning of June 12th.
He went to the house to work and came back at Noon. He had \$5.00 in his	
in his upper pocket. He lost the \$5.00 in the day room. It was found there.	· ·
and described how it was folded so they gave it back to him. He left after leand didn't report back.	unch to return to work at about 1:30 p.m.
When Raymond Marsh left he had a yellowish sport shirt. He l	had on brown suit pants.

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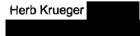
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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 06/19/63 - KRUEGER, HERB

June 19, 1963 11:10 a.m.



At about 6:35 on 06/13/63, Herb got up and went over to his place of business. He called the Sheriff of Calumet Co. He is C.J. Kosmosky. His ?? is in the jail of the courthouse in Chilton. About 10-minutes later officer Victor Juno got here.

They examined everything and discovered that the place was entered through the toilet in the place of business in the office part. They picked up a number of tools and took them to Chilton for a check for fingerprints. The safe had been peeled from the bottom and about \$306.90 was missing.

One of the county officers was in town about 12:30 the night in question and noticed that the light in the Krueger's house was on when he went by. Mrs. Krueger does not remember any squad car going by. Nothing else is missing that Mr. Krueger knows of.

About March 1, 1963 another attempt was made at this safe. At this time they tried to punch the safe, but were not successful at this attempt. At this time a German Luger automatic pistol was taken from the store. This was a .38 caliber pistol. On March 1st the car involved was probably a red car also. The car was spotted here also on this occasion. There were two fellows oat this time also.

Completed June 19, 1963 - 11:30 a.m.

W. Fuller

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June 19, 1963

Mr. Herb Krueger

On the night of June 12, 1963 place was burglarized; Krueger Bros. Elevators Co.

He went to bed at 11:00 p.m. His wife got up about 12:30. His wife got up and noticed that the shade was pulled on the north side of their building and apparently the night light was out. Mr. Krueger always keeps this shade open so that they can see what is going on in their business place. The bedroom window that she was looking out of is about 25-feelt from the window in the office where she was looking.

She watched for a while and then went to the kitchen window and was looking out of it. She did not see anything or hear anything while looking out the windows, so after watching for about 10-minutes she turned on a small light in the kitchen. This is about a 40 watt bulb. After she turned on the light, she still didn't see or hear anything until about 5-minutes after she had her lights one. Then all at once two cars went tearing out of town. Following is a sketch of the layout of the feed mill (see attachment titled "Feed Mill Sketch."

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06/20/63

Lt. Guenther,

Last night while I was at Lyons Restaurant a Jim Dins told me that he works with a and that Wichman told him that they were good friends of Pratts and that about two weeks ago Wichmans had been to Pratt's and at that time Pratt had a gun in the desk drawer and that he had asked Pratt if it was loaded and that Pratt told him yes, but that he wouldn't use it because if someone came to rob him he would give them the money as he would rather be a live coward than a dead hero. Both Dins and Wichman work for the Wisconsin Telephone Co. on the Midnight to 8:00 a.m. shift.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 06/20/63 - MAROTZ FOLLOWUP

June 20, 1963

Officer Fuller was in Waupaca and checked the story told to us by Marotz. The Waupaca P.D. has a stolen report on the knife from the store described in the statement by Roland. This knife was to have been stolen on June 18, 1963 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

This checks quite well with what Marotz told us. I talked to Roland's mother and she thinks that he took the cast off his arm on Thursday evening 06/13/63. She recalls that she had come home from work at the hospital and Roland was soaking it in a pan of water at this time. Roland thought that he had removed it on the night of the 12th, but he was confused on just what he did on the 12th and the 13th. One of his friends also recalls that Roland took the cast off on Thursday evening. These two incidents would put Roland Marotz out of this case.

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quiet type person.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 06/21/63 - HEDTKE, FRED & HAZEL
June 21, 1963
Fred and Hazel Hedtke - National Tavern
The fellow mentioned by Ronald Thielke was in here on Friday, June 14, 1963. He was here from about 8:00 p.m.
until 10:00 p.m. He was here with Mary Ann Stike(??). Her husband is working at Mid West ?? and Lumber Co.
Mrs. Thielke may know who she is.
supposedly lives When this man was here he cashed a \$10.00 bill. He bought the eats for
Mary Ann, her husband, and himself.
Sunday they were here again (06/16/63) and then they stayed about from about 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Usually these people buy their beer with pennies, but on Friday night he had a \$10.00 bill. Apparently this man
has not been working. This man supposedly lives near the Courthouse some place. He doesn't
have a car and usually rides Mary Ann's bike.
Man is described as about 24 - 27 years old, maybe about 6-feet tall, about 16-0170 lbs., dark brown wavy hair,

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NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 06/22/63 - DOXTATOR, WILLIAM

06/22/63

Through a traffic ticket issued by the Neenah Police, I learned that William A. Doxtator had an address listed as
I inquired at this address; talking to the caretaker Albert E. Martin,
He stated that William had rented a room there up until June 12, 1963. On June 12th he moved out at
between 11:00 p.m. and Midnight. Martin has not seen Doxtator around since them.

Doxtator had been given orders to move and he over stayed his rent by one day. His rent for the last week had been paid by his mother by check on June 8, 1963. This check was drawn on a Patter Bank.

Mr. Martin stated that he knew that Doxtator didn't have any money and had attempted to borrow \$750.00 from any finance co. in Oshkosh to boy a boat, but he couldn't get the money anywhere. Doxtator is supposed to be working at Standard Kohlsman Co. here in Oshkosh and according to Martin, he didn't have too good of a work record; staying home many days.

Mr. Martin recalls that on the night of June 12 he talked to Doxtator and that it was after 11:00 p.m. He thinks that Bill had on his work clothes. He didn't appear to be in any special hurry and took his time about getting his things out of the apartment. Martin asked Bill why he didn't move at a more reasonable hour and Bill explained that he had taken a couple girls home and that they lived in Martin again stressed that he thought that Doxtator acted natural. Martin recalls that Bill didn't come home to his apartment on the night of the 12th and when Bill moved out, they were glad to get rid of him because he always left his place in such a mess.

Doxtator did not pay his electric and phone bill and Martin had to return it because he did not have a forwarding address on Doxtator.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 06/22/63 - RAILROAD CHECK

June 22, 1963

I checked with both the Northwestern and Soo Line Railroads to see if they had a train leaving Milwaukee on the time that Kipp claims that he hopped this freight and learned the neither of them have one leaving anywhere near the time Kipp claimed that he hopped one.

The Soo Line does not even go into Milwaukee, but they have a spur line going in there and once a day pull cars out of Milwaukee. This train is supposed to pull out at 6:00 a.m. The Chicago and Northwester also has one coming out, but this is suppsed to leave there at Noon.

These trains are then made over at Fond du Lac and probably would not get into Oshkosh for 12 -14 hours after pulling out of Milwaukee.

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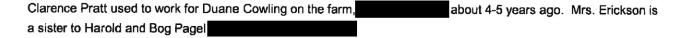
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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 06/28/63 - ERICKSON, ROBERT MRS.

June 28, 1963

Mrs. Robert Erickson



The last time they were in the station was the Saturday night before the murder. Got gas and oil in the car. Never knew of anyone who ever had any words with Wayne Pratt. Never knew of anyone who charged any amount of gas at Wayne's station. They used to charge gas during the winter time.

Mr. Erickson works for Courtney and Plummer of Neenah.

Mrs. Erickson didn't see or hear anything about the murder on that night or ever since. Robert Erickson drives a 1957 Plymouth station wagon. This car is black with a white top and white trim.

They hardly knew Mrs. Pratt. Only saw her when they stopped at the station. They liked Mrs. Pratt real well; stating that she was very friendly. Never heard about Wayne or his wife ever having any affairs with anyone. Don't know of anyone that Wayne and his wife every chummed with. Wayne used to chum with a Curt or Kurt Cumbs. This fellow is now.....(possibly a page missing from this)

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 07/01/63 - RISKA, KAREN

July 1, 1963 11:30 a.m.

Stanley Riska - call after 4:00 p.m. 3-4252



Before Marie got married, Karen used to chum with Marie. They used to work at the Lutheran Aid Association in Appleton. They used to double date with Marie and Wayne Pratt. This was about four years ago. They were very close friends of the Pratts.

One time, about 6-7 years ago, Wayne loaned a fellow \$150 or \$200 dollars. This was a buddy of Wayne's from school. The fellow has been in the service for some time now and on difference occasions Wayne had tried to contact this fellow about paying the money back. Marie should know who this party is.

They saw Marie and Wayne in February at their house warming and haven't' seen them since. Occasionally they talked over the phone.

Described Wayne as real easy to get along with; always the life of the family. He used to drink a lot but couldn't handle it real good. Never knew Wayne to monkey around with any other women. She doesn't think that Wayne ever went any place without Marie. Marie told Karen once that they had a lot of bills to pay up. They got married three years ago in March. Had their car paid up and furniture; still owed money on freezer, washer, and dryer.

Marie is described as being a quiet person. Karen doesn't know of any affairs involving Marie. She never heard of any affairs or Marie never mentioned anything.

As far as Karen knows, Marie and Wayne got along good with her parents. They seemed to get along with his parents too, but every time Karen and her husband went down there, Marie sometimes got a little peeved because they always had to get a case of beer for his parents. They drink a lot.

Wayne's dad worked at the station. Wayne had to get a case of beer for him. Wayne's dad used to tell him to get a case and Marie had to go after it. Wayne's parents would not leave until the beer was gone. There probably wasn't any words about this between them.

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Wayne placed pool a lot at Bud's Airport Tavern. Maybe he had friends there. 07/01/63~6:15~p.m.

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SUBJECT: OFFCR REPORT - 07/01/63 - BOEGH, DOUGLAS

July 1, 1963 5:10 p.m.

Mr. Douglas Boegh

Mrs. Boegh recalls that on Monday, June 10, 1963, they went to the station (Pratt's station). At about 8:10 or 8:15 they left. They headed towards Neenah and had to go up past the station (Pratt's station).

They noticed two girls or women. They were completely dressed in black; black stacks, black scarves, and black trench coats. Purses were also black. They couldn't see the faces of these girls. These girls were small and thin and about the same height. Mr. and Mrs. Boegh relief ed to each other about these girls because they looked creepy. These girls were already on the property of the station and were almost to the pumps itself when they saw them.

They went back at this time and checked to see if there were any cars that were disabled. When they turned around and went back again the girls were standing just outside of the station; just a few feet from the door. At this time they were facing the station; backs towards the road. When they saw these girls there was never anyone in the station. They remembered about this and when the murder happened they remembered the girls.

All the lights were on at the station at the time. There were no cars in the station, nor on the service road. It must have been between 8:30 and 8:40 that they saw this.